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» **Typhoon Dolphin to traverse between Rota and Guam today**

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Commonwealth residents are being urged to prepare for the brunt of Typhoon Dolphin as it continues to move closer to the islands and is anticipated to traverse between Rota and Guam later today.

In a news briefing yesterday by Marvin Seman, special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Typhoon Condition I is expected to be declared on Rota at 4am this morning. That means destructive typhoon force winds of 75-150mph is expected within 12 hours.

"Rota will get the maximum destruc-

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'2-month extension not enough'

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The additional 60 days the U.S. Department of Defense gave for the CNMI to review a draft environmental impact statement on the U.S. military's plans for the Commonwealth is a welcome development but ultimately it is not enough.

This seems to be the consensus of CNMI officials and leaders regarding the extension for the draft EIS on proposed joint military training on Tinian and Pagan, which includes live-firing exercises.

The CNMI government earlier asked for a six-month extension or 180 days.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in a statement, said

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Remains were that of missing Traina Jack

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The Department of Public Safety confirmed yesterday that the remains found near Obyan Beach on Monday were that of the missing 18-year-old Traina Suda Jack.

DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said that, using a photograph that shows dental features, Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola positively identified the remains as that of Jack, a Chuuk native, who went missing on Oct. 22, 2014.

DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that Jack was last seen at her residence by family members four days earlier, Oct. 22, 2014, at about 6pm.

Tarkong said family returned later that night and Jack was not at home. After two

Remains found near Obyan Beach on Monday were that of the missing 18-year-old Traina Suda Jack, shown in this photo provided by the Department of Public safety yesterday.

days, the family started asking friends and family members if they have seen her, with no success.

On Oct. 26, 2014, Jack's mother filed an official missing person's complaint with DPS.

Jack's cellular phone was left at a family member's house in San Antonio, police said.



Deleon Guerrero

Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation detectives conducted a search, but she was never found.

Dr. Espinola's autopsy on the remains on Tuesday did not reveal any type of identifiable trauma such as fracture, stab, or

gunshot.

Espinola, however, stated that further microscopic analysis on bone fragments from the skull is needed to determine the cause of death.

It was 40-year-old Jeffrey Diaz who found the skeletal remains and called the police on Monday at 12:30pm. Diaz works as a cattle manager at the farm of rancher Ernest Torres and was preparing for a

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Fletcher to leave CUC's top post

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher is resigning from his post. His contract expires on July 15.

News of his departure broke after a CUC board meeting lasting late into Tuesday. However, Fletcher and the board could only confirm this yesterday.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday morning, Fletcher de-

» **It's unclear if this was at the board's or his personal discretion**

scribed working for CUC as "a positive experience and one for which I am thankful."

"I have learned a great deal here and have enjoyed working with the entire staff," he said. "While CUC continues to struggle financially, I feel the utility is in an enviable position as it re-

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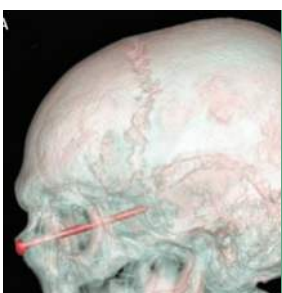
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EIS review extension reshapes timeline for environmental review

»DOD explains their two-month extension

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The U.S. Department of Defense believes an extra two months is adequate for a professional environmental consultant to complete and share their findings with the CNMI on the draft environmental impact statement for military training on Tinian and Pagan.

Any more than two months would put fiscal, congressional, and international factors "at risk," according to the military.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos originally asked for a six-month extension to give the CNMI more time to hire and have consultants review the draft impact statement.

These consultants, who will be paid using funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, have yet to be hired.

In a letter to Inos yesterday, copies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, Marine Forces Pacific executive director Craig Whelden explained the factors behind their decision.

Whelden said it was determined that the Department of Defense could not support a six-month extension to the EIS' public comment period.

This after considerable review by DOD and its deputy secretary Robert Work, he said.

Pointing to Inos' reasons for the request—"to hire technical consultants to 'help with review and preparation of our written comments'"—Whelden said it was determined that an additional 60 days would meet this requirement.

"By granting a 60-day extension,

this will provide the consultant 75 days to meet your needs," he wrote. "[Defense] believes a professional environmental consultant can complete a review of the [draft impact statement] in 30 days and can then use the remaining 45 days to socialize the finding with the CNMI populace," he said.

Whelden said their planning timeline is based on commitments to international agreements, congressional planning and programming, and U.S. Pacific Command force posture plans.

"These processes are all intertwined and an extension of greater than 60 days pushes the completion of this process into another fiscal year, putting these considerations at risk," he explained.

Whelden said they are committed to continuing the "ad-hoc" meetings they've held with CNMI officials.

"These meetings provide a unique opportunity for real time engagement and are a perfect venue for [the Department of Defense] to continue to listen to the concerns of the CNMI. [The Department of Defense] is confident that between the [National Environmental Act Process] and the ad-hoc meetings, we can continue to identify and consider options that benefit both parties," he wrote.

The two-month extension now boosts from 60 days to 120 days the comment period for the EIS.

According to a notional timeline provided by Whelden, a final environmental impact statement is targeted for a July 16, 2016, release.

A record of decision, signed by the Secretary of the Department of Navy, is planned for Aug. 16, 2016.

There is no maximum amount of time set by the law to review the EIS.



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Visitor arrivals soar 26 percent in April 2015

Visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands in April 2015 soared 26 percent compared to April 2014. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 40,473 visitors in April 2015, compared to 32,035 visitors received in April 2014.

Arrivals from Korea catapulted 86 percent in April to 17,359 visitors. Jeju Air launched an additional daily flight to Saipan from Incheon beginning March 29 using a Boeing 737-800 with 186 seats, bringing an additional 67,890 annual seats to the CNMI and ensuring extremely rapid growth in Korean arrivals for the remainder of this year.

Arrivals from China also jumped 18 percent in April to 14,100 visitors. The MVA hosted Beijing TV to feature the Saipan Marathon and jointly promote sports tourism to the NMI. Meanwhile, the MVA launched its joint campaign and consumer event with both online and traditional travel agencies to market wedding and honeymoon tour packages in China.

Arrivals from Japan, however, fell 13 percent to 6,037 visitors, after Delta Air Lines flew a reduced schedule of 12 flights a week in March from Narita to the CNMI and suspended three night flights during the month, further reducing limited seat capacity from the Japan market to the CNMI. The MVA has secured the placement of the International Festival of Cultures and Happy Children in Para-

» Arrivals up 12 percent for FY 2015

dise campaign in the summer brochures of all major Japanese travel agents including JTB World Vacations, H.I.S., KNT, and Nippon Travel Agency and will launch a major magazine advertisement campaign in May and June targeting the family market in an effort to stimulate growth out of Japan despite difficult market conditions.

"While overall visitor arrivals increased an astounding 26 percent in April, Japan remains an important market for us to ensure we have a balanced visitor mix for our tourism industry. The Northern Marianas and many other foreign destinations are all feeling the effects of having fewer Japanese traveling, but it's imperative to sustain this market," said MVA managing director Perry Tenoio. "In addition to our continuing marketing and promotions, we will address the situation—including air service—in greater detail with our major Japan travel industry partners at our semi-annual Japan Marianas Tourism Club meeting later this month in Japan."

Arrivals from Russia fell 87 percent to 210 visitors in April as a result of the suspension of direct flights last year. The MVA is launching discount campaigns to the CNMI from Far East Russia throughout summer 2015 to begin rebuilding the Russian market in the face of severe economic pressures and has launched a campaign provid-

ing incentives to travel agents who book hotels in the Northern Marianas.

Economic highlights

Japan's government kept its overall assessment of the economy unchanged for April, noting moderate recovery trend as factory output is picking up on the back of improving corporate activity. The government also

kept its assessment of consumer spending, capital expenditure and export unchanged, as the economy stabilizes after the unexpected recession caused the sales tax hike in April 2014. During the month of April, the yen appreciated slightly against the U.S. dollar to 119.351.

South Korea's economy is showing signs of a modest recovery, despite overall eco-

nomie conditions remaining weak. The Asian Development Bank forecast that South Korea's economy will grow 3.5 percent this year, aided by falling commodity prices and a

rebound in the U.S. economy. The South Korean won/dollar exchange rate fell 24.25 won over the past month to close at 1,083.54 against the U.S. dollar. (MVA)

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he is “grateful to the Department of Defense for accepting my request for an extension of the CJMT DEIS comment period and for recognizing that, for proposed actions of this size, more time for thorough analysis is merited.”

“We still have much work ahead of us in ensuring that the concerns and voice of the CNMI is heard during this important process,” he said.

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres said he appreciates “DoD’s consideration in granting the CNMI an extension to the comment period.”

“However, DoD has been working on putting this project together for the past five years or so. Granting an additional 60 days is helpful, but ultimately it is not nearly enough time to adequately address the many serious issues contained within the draft EIS,” Torres said.

Not enough time

Delegate George Kili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said that, while the Commonwealth was not granted its original request of 180 days, he is pleased that “we have at least 60 days more be-

yond the very short deadline originally imposed.”

A letter from Marine Corps Brig. Gen. David J. Furness notified Sablan of the decision to accept comments on the draft EIS until Aug. 4.

The letter was hand-delivered to Sablan’s Washington congressional office on Wednesday.

The original cut-off date for comment on the draft EIS was June 4.

“The original 60-day comment period to review a 1,388-page draft environmental impact statement and its 19 appendices was clearly insufficient,” Sablan said. “The military worked on the document for years. The public and public officials deserve more than just a few weeks to digest all that information and respond in a meaningful way.”

Sablan added that the “the decision to extend the comment period for another 60 days was the right thing for the Marine Corps to do.”

“But even that may not really be enough time given the scope of the proposed action and the complexity of the impacts on the Northern Mariana Islands.”

Furness, in his letter to Sablan, said the decision to extend for 60 days was the result of comments from the public hear-

ings held on Tinian and Saipan and a request from Inos.

The Inos administration was recently provided with a grant of \$250,000 to hire technical experts that will review and evaluate the draft EIS.

The funds came from a fiscal year 2015 technical assistance appropriation by Congress administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

But the DOI did not award the funds until a few days before the comment period began, leaving little time for the Commonwealth to advertise and contract for the technical services or for the contractors to review and prepare a response to the EIS.

The additional 60 days “gives a little more breathing room,” Sablan said. “But, realistically, even more time may be required, depending on how quickly the Commonwealth contracting process and the technical review can be completed.”

The National Environmental Policy Act, which requires an environmental impact statement for major federal actions significantly affecting the environment, provides a minimum of 45 days for public comment to a draft. The administering agency has authority to extend the comment period.

Asked if the 60-day extension

period is enough, Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said, “Absolutely not.”

“Where’s the equity here for the people of the CNMI? The military spent years on research and development of the draft EIS, yet now claim that our request for 180 days extension is too much to ask for. This is our home, so there’s no reason why we should be at the short end of the deal,” Demapan said.

He said the intent behind the request for extension was two-fold: to give the people of the Commonwealth ample time to digest the draft EIS/OEIS in its entirety, and to allow the Commonwealth to effectively avail of the grant funding from DOI to acquire the services of a qualified consultant to assist in the review and compilation of the government’s response.

“If we are not given the opportunity to achieve the intent of the grant funds, then the assistance awarded us by DOI would simply be an exercise in futility,” he said.

‘No change of heart’

For Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan, the 60-day extension does little for those opposing the military exercises.

The mayor said the 60-day period may be good to “those

who requested for the extension,” as it gives them “more room to put their inputs.”

But as far as he is concerned, Aldan said he will still continue to review the draft EIS and come up with comments by the original deadline.

He said the extension also seems to indicate that the military wants to “negotiate,” but as far as he and his constituents are concerned “there is no room for negotiations.”

“My position will never change,” Aldan stressed, saying that he’s reviewing the draft EIS in his own capacity.

“[The military] threw something at us, and perhaps we can also throw something at them,” Aldan said. “Even if don’t get the assistance, I’m still doing my job to try to understand the draft EIS,” noting that he is still waiting for the proposed fund-

ing for the review of the documents.

The Legislature earlier said \$75,000 will be allocated to the Northern Islands Office of the Mayor to study the draft EIS.

Aldan re-emphasized his dismay of proposed plans to drop bombs on Pagan, which is part of the Northern Islands.

“No one can put a value on Pagan. So talks of the economic benefits to its people are just speculations,” he said.

Aldan said one only has to look at the other islands bombed by the military. “We must learn from these examples. Where are the economic benefits?” Aldan asked.

He is also glad to know that some of the CNMI agencies, including the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, are also doing their own studies on the draft EIS.

FLETCHER

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tains a very competent and professional staff that has my full confidence.”

On Tuesday, the CUC board came out of executive session and voted unanimously not to renew Fletcher’s contract, *Saipan Tribune* learned. It was also gathered that Fletcher had asked instead to resign.

But this has been difficult to corroborate, as there have been different accounts of what transpired late Tuesday afternoon.

Fletcher’s resignation letter, copies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, was sent in late Wednesday afternoon to CUC board chair Adelina Roberto and other board members.

Asked to clarify whether the board had voted on his contract, Fletcher said he could not speak as to what was heard, but assured that “there was no vote taken during the open meeting.”

“I confirmed this with the chief legal counsel,” he assured.

“I cannot speak for the board, but I believe it is safe to say there is mutual agreement as to my employment engagement concluding at the end of my current contracted term.”

“While I look forward to some new opportunities, my only focus right now is the approaching Typhoon Dolphin. CUC is in full preparation mode. In fact we just concluded a planning session with all three islands.”

When contacted by phone yesterday and asked to confirm if the board had voted not to renew Fletcher’s contract, board chair Roberto said, “Exactly.”

When asked if the decision was unanimous, she said, “It is unanimous.”

When asked if Fletcher had asked to resign instead, she said, “Yes, and we gave him that

courtesy, yes.”

“I don’t know what [other] rumors you are hearing,” she told *Saipan Tribune*.

In his statement and resignation letter, Fletcher disclosed that the term of his employment contract with CUC ends on July 14, 2015.

“At this time, my official last day will be on July 14, although I do plan to take vacation days prior to that date,” he said.

After serving in an acting capacity for months, Fletcher was named executive director in 2013. He was previously CUC’s deputy executive director.

His resignation transpires a little over a month after David Sablan Jr. was voted out as CUC board chair.

Sablan, who lives in Guam, was not present during Tuesday’s board meeting.

Recently, there has been a clear split between CUC management and the board on how to recover losses CUC has accrued from a growing government debt.

This debt sits at an account receivables of \$32 million as of April 28.

In April, CUC management had proposed two new rate charges to make up for current and future losses from government non-payment. The board voted this down.

Fletcher was first hired at CUC in February 2011 as deputy executive director and administrator of the water and wastewater division. Prior to this, he worked at the Manchester Water District of Manchester in Washington; the port of Manchester; at the Clackamas River Water Authority of Clackamas in Oregon; and for the Clairmont Water District of Oregon City.

The director’s time at CUC proceeds and has largely avoided the period of insolvency and rolling blackouts CUC dealt with from 2007 to 2010.

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tive wind force. We’re looking at that. It will start rolling in around 9am and continue at 1am Saturday morning,” Seman said.

“The storm is relatively at about a 50-mile radius so that puts Rota and Guam in that red zone and that’s why we consider it a landfall,” he added.

Saipan and Tinian are expected to be under Tropical Storm Condition I by this morning.

“We anticipate [the storm to pass through] between 4pm and 5pm tomorrow. And relatively as it passes, that’s when we also have the highest increase in winds for Saipan and Tinian to about 60 miles an hour,” Seman said.

Typhoon Dolphin is expected to be a Category 3 cyclone as it moves nearer to the CNMI. As of press time, it had maximum sustained winds of 105 miles per hour and was moving west-northwest at 15 miles per hour.

“This storm, because of its forward speed is relatively slow, it’s going to cause a lot of problems for us,” Seman said.

Flooding and shelters

A flood advisory was also released by the HSEM yesterday, with Gov. Eloy S. Inos declaring flash flood watch from midnight through late evening tomorrow.

According to the advisory, torrential rains of 8 to 12 inches are possible.

It advised the public to stay away from streams, drainage, ditches, and low-lying areas prone to flooding as well as warned them of the dangers of driving and walking in these conditions.

Seman identified several flood prone areas on Saipan such as San Jose to San Anto-

nio, Susupe including its lake, and Chalan Kanoa.

“If your house is susceptible to flooding, we encourage you to move to either a relative, a friend or to one of our shelters,” Seman said.

As of 6pm yesterday, shelters were opened to those who needed to evacuate their homes. These are Tanapag Middle School, Garapan Middle School, Koblerville Elementary School, and Kagman High School.

“We encourage the general public to stay off the roads and just brace themselves until after the storm. If they have any concerns, questions or emergencies, they may call either 911 or 237-8000,” said Seman.

Suspension of classes, govt work

Due to the threat of the typhoon, the government also declared work suspension of all non-critical government employees for today.

The CNMI Public School System also suspended classes as well as work for public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

“For more updates on the school status, please listen to the radio or check the PSS website at cnmipss.org,” said Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan..

Northern Marianas College also declared their classes suspended and campuses closed on all three islands.

Grace Christian Academy and Mount Carmel School also cancelled classes for today.

Power outages

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. the public to prepare for possible power interruptions, which could also affect the water supply.

In a statement, CUC said the 24-Hour CUC Call Center

will be open for customer calls throughout the storm. Information received from these calls will be forwarded to field personnel, CUC said.

“As with any severe storm, field response may be longer than usual as power and water personnel deal with potentially treacherous conditions resulting from the typhoon. To report outages or to receive updates, customers should call the CUC Call Center at 66 4-4CUC (4282).”

In addition to the 24-Hour Call Center, CUC will post the latest information on Facebook. Updates will include photos and videos of the storm and post-storm restoration efforts. To access this information, simply log in to your Facebook account and “Like” the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation page.

Rota fully prepared

Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig assured yesterday that they are fully prepared and will start evacuating people to two designated shelters after Typhoon Condition II is announced at 4pm.

“We have secured all government offices, the availability of fuel, and have advised boaters to bring in their boat from the marina. We have also prepared all the generators for all the shelters,” he said.

The two designated shelters are Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Sr/ Jr High School and the Aging Center in Sinapalo.

“We haven’t evacuated people yet until the full announcement of Typhoon Condition II at 4pm,” he said.

“We’re ready for the impending storm and happy that the Emergency Management Office and emergency operators from Saipan are here to assist us,” he added.

Atalig noted that residents have been notified to prepare

necessities such as butane gas, food, and water.

“So we’re fully prepared,” he said.

6 firefighters sent to Rota

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Claudio K. Norita deployed six firefighters to Rota to augment the island’s understaffed fire department.

DFEMS spokesman Derek Gersonde said the deployment of six firefighters from the Search and Rescue Unit was done in coordination with HSEM.

Rota only has five firefighters.

“Due to the expected close approach of Typhoon Dolphin, this deployment of personnel is needed as Rota will undergo high surf, high winds and heavy rain over the next few days,” he said.

The six firefighters will remain on Rota until Monday or until the typhoon is no longer a threat to the island.

No flights

United Airlines and Cape Air flights have been cancelled because of Typhoon Dolphin.

“All United Airlines flights scheduled to depart from and arrive at Guam International Airport today have been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions as a result of the impending approach of Typhoon Dolphin,” United said in a statement yesterday.

In addition, Cape Air/United Express has cancelled all flights today, May 15, 2015.

United urges their customers to check the latest status of their flights at united.com or by calling United Reservations at 1-800-UNITED-1 (1-800-864-8331). *(With reports from Dennis B. Chan and Jayson Camacho)*

REMAINS

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grazing spot for the farm’s cows when he stumbled upon the remains.

Diaz found the remains in the jungle area about 15 feet from the shoulder of the road, located

across the Torres farm.

The site where the remains were found was about 300 to 400 feet from the intersection to the main entrance to Obyan Beach.

Police said DPS crime scene technicians collected women’s clothing within the general location of the remains.

'I would rather take my chances with an active volcano'

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Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan remains adamant in his push for a homestead program on Pagan so that people can start resettling the island or planning ahead for its future.

Aldan said he is still going forward with his proposal to resettle the island, despite the plan of the U.S. military to use Pagan as a live-fire training area and in the face of numerous delays in his meeting with Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete Tenorio, whose agency is responsible for doling out homestead lots.

Saipan Tribune tried countless times to schedule a meeting with Tenorio. However, the secretary failed to respond as of press time, giving the impression that the island's homestead program is still in limbo.

A former Pagan resident, who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity, questioned the fact that Saipan, Tinian, and Rota already have homestead programs, yet the Northern Islands' still remains "tabled."

"They don't care, it's obvious. Why is it hard just to give the homesteads? Look at Tinian, they've got homesteads. One problem they're facing is infrastructure but they still got the homesteads. Pagan faces that issue, but why isn't there any homestead permits?" the resident asked.

Another former Pagan resident, Cinta Kaipat, said she supports the homestead program in the Northern Islands. However, she said safety is her primary concern, with an active volcano still spewing

smoke, reminding her that it still poses a danger.

"Since 1998, the United Northern Islanders Association and, later, PaganWatch, advocated that the government install functioning seismic monitors, maintained properly, and to regularly monitor the volcanic activities up there," Kaipat said.

"I would like to see a well-organized plan to issue homestead or agriculture permits to the people who genuinely wish to reside in the Northern Islands, and not just apply to 'land grab' through land exchange. People who want to live up there should apply, with first priority being given to former residents, especially those who were forcibly evacuated either by an act of God or by man, and priority should also go to those who still do not own any homesteads here on Saipan," she added.

Kaipat said those who apply for permits should actually live there and not use it for land exchange.

"They must work and live off the land. Should they decide to pack up and move back to Saipan or elsewhere in the CNMI, then the land should revert back to the government so that it may be issued to the next person on the list who wants to go up to Pagan or any of the islands to live there," she said.

"All this is possible provided the seismic monitors are installed; an emergency evacuation plan is developed, ready to be implemented as necessary; and regular, reliable transportation is established," she added.

If given a choice between an active volcano and living on Pagan with the military dropping bombs on the island, Kaipat

said she would rather take her chances with the volcano.

Similar to Tinian case

Last year, a total of 189 lots were issued for the West San Jose Village Homestead on Tinian, despite the lack of funds for power and water lines.

At that time Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he became aware of the of Tinian's West San Jose Village Homestead project some five years ago when DPL, under a different administration, drew the lot numbers.

Inos said the project later came to a standstill and became plagued with many challenges

like environmental and funding issues and lack of priority.

Past documents

The homestead project has been snagged for over 10 years now due to safety concerns, uncertainty over the military's plans, and the non-involvement of many Northern Islands residents over the completion or development of DPL's Land Use Plan.

Saipan Tribune obtained documents of past meetings regarding the homestead program for Pagan. In October 2013, the Saipan and Northern Island's Legislative Delegation's Committee on Natural



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'Leads sought on unsolved arson cases'

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Claudio K. Norita has vowed to pursue investigations once they get leads into the numerous unsolved arson cases in 2011 and 2012 that occurred in the southern part of Saipan.

"I don't leave things unresolved," said Norita, who is a former police officer and former Department of Public Safety commissioner.

Norita said DPS earlier assigned some firefighters to the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation to investigate these arson cases.

"We are taking those firefighters back. We are taking the investigations back," he said.

Currently, there are six firefighters at DFEMS that inspect or investigate suspected arson cases.

"We need to put more people in there," Norita said.

To his understanding, there are no further evidences in these arson cases to move them forward. However, once information comes in, they will open up the arson cases, he said.

Norita said he can't put people on six or seven unresolved arson cases when there are no suspects or no leads.

"But once there are leads—people call Crime Stoppers

for example, they give us the lead—then definitely we will respond to that. Right now there are no leads, they exhausted all the leads and all those investigations," he said.

Norita said everything depending upon the leads that are provided or they run into.

He said the Fire Department has no specific unsolved arson unit, but they have investigation and inspection units doing fire code inspection and fire investigation.

Norita said he does not have the manpower to commit one or two investigators or firefighters to just look into unsolved cases.

"Again, if there are leads, we would definitely open those cases up. But as long as there are no leads we are stuck," he added.

In 2012, DPS fire investigators confirmed that 11 fires that occurred from November 2011 to February 2012 in the southern part of Saipan were all arson-related incidents.

On the month of November 2011, three fires believed to be intentionally set off broke out, including two that occurred on the same day.

In the afternoon of Nov. 17, 2011, fire engulfed the former Tokyo Tower Club on Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa. That night, a blaze razed the former Wonderful Carwash on Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa, next to Sugar Dock.

Two days later, The Vegetable Stand/Harvest Market located near the former Sun Leader now called Toha Market was set on fire. The blaze spread and damaged the adjacent Harvest Market.

In January 2012, six arson-related fires happened.

On Jan. 8, 2012, the former Spicy Thai Restaurant in San Antonio was set on fire.

On Jan. 12, 2012, the former building of garment manufacturer MGM across Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao was set on fire. The fire damaged the storage area on the first floor of a three-story building.

At 11pm the same day, a small room located next to Monte Carlo building was also set on fire.

Two days later at 2:47am, a building owned by Dr. Cabrera located in Chalan Kanoa was burned.

At 5:36am that same day, an abandoned building in Chalan Kanoa south of the U.S. Post Office was burned. The fire spread and razed an occupied structure where several people had been living. One child was hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

That night, the office of Mount Carmel School president/principal was burglarized and vandalized. The principal's desk was set on fire.

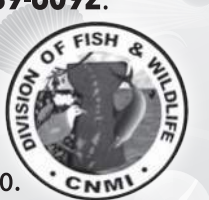
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7 suspected 'ice' peddlers fall

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Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested on Wednesday four persons, all Chinese nationals, who are allegedly involved in selling methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

As this developed, sources said the task force also arrested yesterday three other men—all locals—for "ice" trafficking and possession. The three are expected to be taken to Superior Court for bail hearings today, Friday.

Arrested in separate operations on Wednesday were Zhi Peng Huang, 36, also known as Dandan or Boss; Ming Ming Zhang, 26, also known as Young Boy; Xiu Hui Wang, 36, also known as Sister; and a certain Mei Mei. All four were charged with trafficking of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Their bail was set at \$100,000 cash each.

Huang was arrested in As Lito, Zhang in San Jose, and Wang in Garapan. The report did not indicate the location of Mei's arrest. Her full name was also not specified in court papers.

Mei and Wang are both female; the rest are males.

Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government. Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig served

as counsel for the suspects.

Drug Enforcement Task Force police detective Andrew S. Taimanao stated in his report that a cooperating source purchased

\$150 worth of "ice" from Huang at his apartment on April 2 and \$200 worth of "ice" last April 6 in the parking lot of Han Nam Supermarket in Kobleville.

Police detective Jeffrey Norita stated in his report that a cooperating defendant managed to buy \$100 worth of "ice" from Zhang in the parking lot of a gas station in Sadog Tasi last April 7 and \$200 more worth of "ice" at Zhang's residence in As Matuis.

Police detective Liza S. Udui stated in her report that their cooperating source managed to buy \$180 worth of "ice" from Wang at the source's residence on Capital Hill last April 15 and \$180 worth of "ice" the following day. Office of the Attorney Gen-

eral investigator George F. David stated in his report that their cooperating source managed to buy \$70 worth of "ice" from Mei outside New Top Store in Kannat Tabla last March 11 and \$200 worth of "ice" at the same location last March 17.



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Young women encouraged to join Liberation Day pageant

»Deadline to apply extended to Wednesday

Two candidates from Saipan and Tinian have already turned in their applications to run as 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court contestants and the 2015 Liberation Day Committee is calling for more of the islands' young women to join what is being touted as the biggest celebration in recent years.

Some of the draws are a \$10,000 grand prize for the raffle tickets, candidates will keep 10 percent of their total funds raised, they will learn valuable skills, and that main proceeds will go to charitable organizations.

"This year's slogan, 'Peace in Diversity', calls for many of our young women representing the culturally rich communities we live in to partici-

pate in this historic celebration. We would like to invite candidates from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands to please join and help our communities shine in this year's 70th anniversary," said Saipan Mayor David Apatang.

"Candidates could take advantage of this great opportunity to raise funds for themselves, families or favorite nonprofit organizations. Companies and organizations could sponsor a candidate and raise funds for their worthwhile community causes," he said.

An international event planning firm, Skywalker Communications Group, is leading this year's festivities with a lineup of fun activities geared for the 2015 Liberation Royal Court.

Earlier in the week, they announced the new slogan, a new logo, and the first ever \$10,000 raffle grand prize for only \$1 per ticket.

One of the region's leading independent auditing firms will be lending its expertise to the 2015 Liberation Day Committee with the verification and counting of the official Liberation Day raffle tickets.

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Apatang notes that BCM's generous assistance ensures that this year's Liberation Day raffle ticket counting will be done in a fair, efficient, and transparent manner.

"With the integrity and expertise of BCM, LLC, the public could trust that the process in distributing, counting and verifying the results of the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court competition will be in very good hands," he said.

Young females from the ages of 16 to 25 years

old are encouraged to join and represent their village, family, company or organization.

The 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court contestant criteria is 16-25 years old female, not married, no children, a CNMI resident for at least six months, and of good moral and ethical character.

Each candidate may have individual sponsors to assist with the costs of competing and each candidate will have the ability to sell Liberation Day raffle tickets to raise funds and host other approved fundraisers.

The Liberation Day Royal Court titleholders are determined by the amount of money each candidate raises through the sale of raffle tickets.

The final deadline to apply is on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Applications may be picked up at the Saipan Mayor's Office or email liberationcnmi@gmail.com. (PR)

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) recently facilitated the donation of 50 boxes of books to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

According to Sablan, this is a "personal project."

"This is a personal project started in 2009. I met a teacher asking me for books I looked around at the Library of Congress, then I found in the Library a repository of excess books," Sablan said.

He found out that publishers of authors who get an ISBN number—which the Library of Congress issues—often give three or four books to the library.

"The library keeps one copy, and the others are kept in the repository," Sablan said.

After securing the go-signal to get the books for donation, Sablan has been conducting the book donation efforts.

"We've given books to the other libraries and schools at the CNMI," Sablan said.

He said the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's new management also reached out for the book donation.

Long-time CNMI resident Teddy Guiao, who moved to Saipan in 1969, said he will invite other members of the *man'amko* to visit the library and see the extensive lineup of books.

"I will encourage them to visit," Guiao said.

Guiao was appointed "Director for the Day" of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library as part of the celebration of Older Americans Month/Mes Man'Amko.

Kilili facilitates book donation for public library



Delegate George Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), standing fourth from right, and acting "Director for the Day" Teddy Guiao, third from right, are surrounded by staff of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library during a simple book donation ceremony on Thursday.

According to Guiao, the "Director for the Day" is a regular program of the public library

for the *man'amko*.

As "Director of the Day," Guiao received

the donated books in a simple ceremony. (Joel D. Pinaroc)



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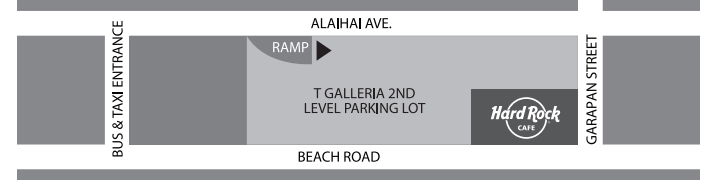
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NMI residents urged to include pets in disaster plans

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The storm could produce damaging winds and flooding in low-lying areas. Residents in the potential areas of im-

pact should stay up-to-date on the storm's progress. Pet owners should have an emergency plan that includes the safety of their animals, and always be informed about the potential for evacuation in their area.

Inga Gibson, HSI's Pacific Islands policy coordinator, said: "We urge residents in Typhoon Dolphin's path to prepare now and include their pets in those

plans. Pet owners should be ready to bring their animals inside if they are able to wait out the storm at home, or take their pets with them if asked to evacuate. Being prepared offers the best chance for everyone to ride out a storm safely."

Dogs tethered as a means of confinement or other animals left outside may drown, choke to death on tangled leads, or

suffer other serious injuries. Pets should be brought inside in the event of heavy downpours, storm surge or high winds. It's also important to provide for your pets in the event you lose electricity, making certain they have adequate food and water.

Pet owners should be aware that many evacuation shelters do not accept pets, and they must plan their destination in advance. Hotels and motels may be willing to lift "no pet" restriction in an emergency. Please check with your local animal shelter or emergency management office to determine if a pet friendly emergency shelter will be set up in your location. Pet owners should remember that having your pet microchipped dramatically increases the chances of reunion if that pet becomes lost.

A planned May 18-29 spay/neuter clinic on Saipan may be

changed due to the storm, so please check back for updates.

For more tips on prepared-

ness plans that include your pets, visit humaneociety.org/prepare. (HIS)

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Memorial Day proclamation signing

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2650 or email vicente.camacho@gov.mp. (PR)

Child car seat checkpoints on Saipan

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section will be conducting child car seat checkpoints on Saipan on Monday and Wednesday next week. Certified child passenger safety technicians will be on hand to check car seats for proper installation and advise parents caregivers how to choose the right car seats and install them properly in their vehicles.

On Monday, May 18, 2015, from 7am to 8:15am along Chalan Pale Arnold, Puerto Rico by the U.S. Army Reserve Center on the southbound lane. This will be followed at 9:30am to 10:4am on Beach Road, Garapan, across the Bank of Pacific on the southbound lane.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015, from 4pm to 5:15pm along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Chalan Kiya by CUC Wa-

terloo on the westbound lane. This will be followed at 6:30pm to 7:45pm along Beach Road, Susupe, in front of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building on the northbound lane. (DPS)

Tinian DPS sets sobriety checkpoints

The Tinian Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section will be conducting DUI/sobriety checkpoints on the dates and time listed below:

■ Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm, eastbound lane by baseball field.

■ Friday, May 15, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm, southbound lane Broadway by Natibu Park.

■ Monday, May 22, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm, eastbound lane by baseball field; 4pm to 5:15pm, southbound lane by Youth Center

■ Friday, May 25, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm, eastbound lane by baseball field; 4pm to 5:15pm, southbound lane by Youth Center. (DPS)

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- Put a collar with visible identification on your pets, including indoor-only pets.
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- Create a pet emergency kit (see below) and refresh the items every few months.

- Talk to your neighbors about how they can help your pets if you are not at home when disaster strikes
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Raise the minimum wage? There are better solutions

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The slogans are everywhere: Fight for 15; People Not Profits; One Job Should Be Enough. Worsening income inequality and the persistence of poverty have spurred a movement to raise the minimum wage, at both the national and state levels. Some West Coast cities have already boosted their minimum wage to \$15, or more than double the federal standard. And Los Angeles and others are now considering a similarly aggressive move.

The labor market problems that these higher minimum wages are intended to fix are very real. But would a higher wage floor address the underlying problems? A large body of research shows that the answer is almost certainly no, and that there are better solutions, although these solutions are harder for policymakers to embrace.

There are several reasons why workers' wages are currently too low to provide what many view as an acceptable standard of living. One big factor is that technological changes have increased the value of higher-skilled workers and reduced the value of lower-skilled workers. Globalization, meanwhile, has brought many lower-skilled American workers into greater competition with their counterparts in other countries.

Simply requiring employers to pay \$15 won't provide much ballast against these market forces. In fact, data indicate that minimum wages are ineffective at delivering benefits to poor or low-income families, and that many of the benefits flow to higher-income families. That's because minimum wages target low wages rather than low family incomes. And many minimum-wage workers are not poor or even in low-income families; nearly a quarter are teenagers who will eventually find better-paid jobs. Moreover, most poor families have no workers at all.

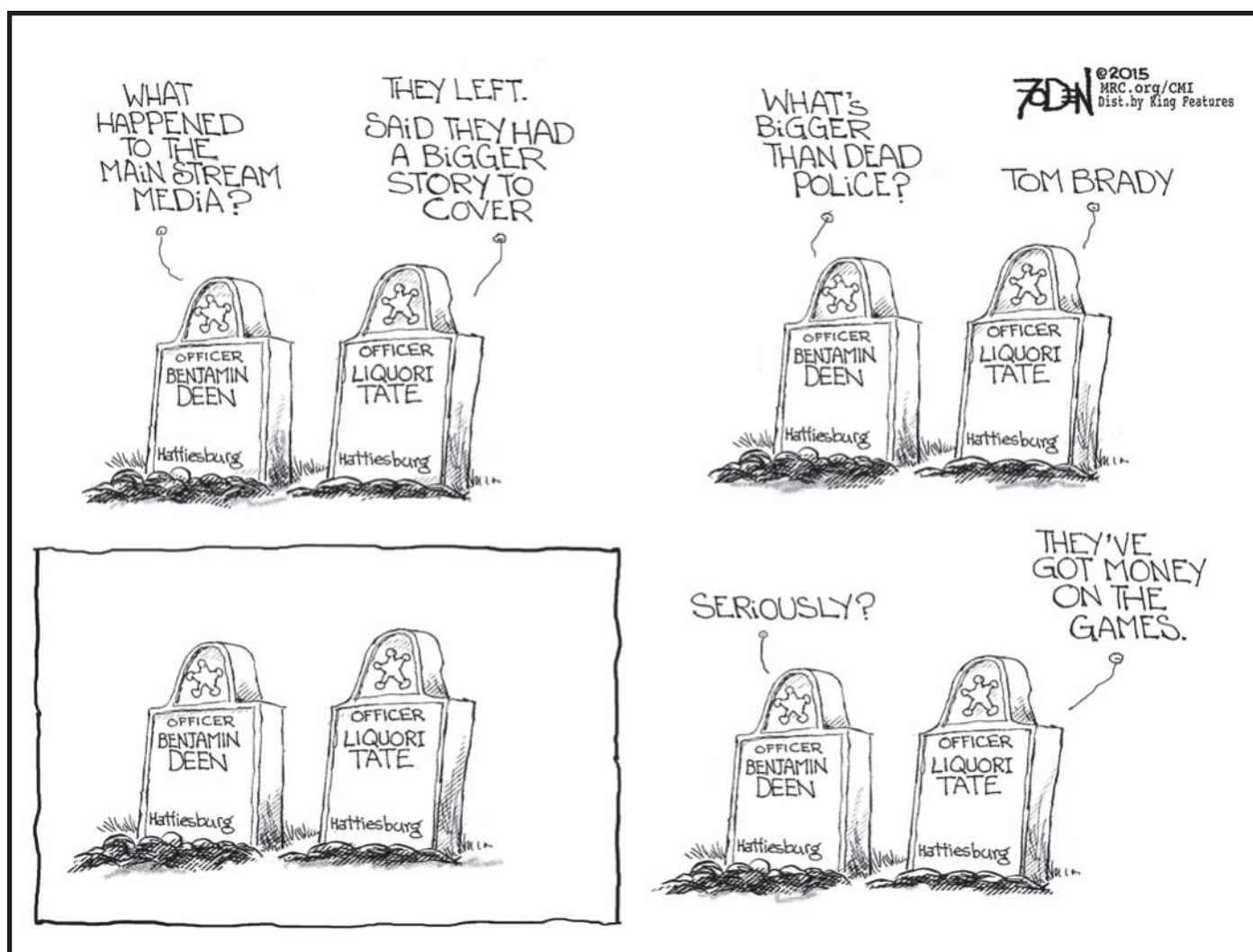
As a result, for every \$5 in higher wages that a higher minimum wage imposes on employers, only about \$1 goes to poor families, whereas roughly twice as much goes to families with incomes above the median.

Higher minimum wages also reduce employment for the least-skilled workers. Certainly not every one of the hundreds of studies on the topic confirms this conclusion. But there are also studies claiming that humans have not contributed to climate change, and that supply-side economics did not contribute to massive budget deficits. The most comprehensive survey of minimum wage studies, which I conducted with William Wascher of the Federal Reserve System, found that two-thirds of studies point to negative employment effects, as do over 80 percent of the more credible studies.

Yet another reason to be wary of raising the minimum wage is that modest job loss overall may mask much steeper job loss among the least skilled. Economists use the phrase "labor-labor substitution" to describe employers responding to a higher minimum wage by replacing their lowest-skilled workers with higher-skilled workers, whom they are more willing to hire at the higher minimum.

Based on my research, I think it is likely that a \$15 mini-

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I belong to the generation that crooned: What we are saying is, *Give peace a chance!*

We are on Peace Officers' Day. Police Week commemorates local, state, and federal peace officers that lost their lives in the line of duty. Law enforcement officers and their families gather in Washington, D.C. every year this week to hold a Mass, a light vigil, lay a wreath, confer as police survivors, engage in honor guard competition, and perform band music, sponsored by the National Fraternal Order of Police.

JFK created the holiday endorsed by Congress in October 1961 that paid tribute "to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime ..." with the flag flown at half-mast for the week.

Much earlier in March of the same year, JFK issued an executive order authorized by Congress in September designed "to promote world peace and friendship through a Peace Corps, which shall make available to interested countries and areas men and women of the United States qualified for service abroad and willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if necessary, to help the peoples of such countries and areas in meeting their needs for trained manpower (sic)."

The volunteer program provided technical assistance to governments and groups, helped people understand American culture and helped Americans understand cultures of other countries. A typical Peace Corps volunteer, or PCV, is an American citizen with a college degree, labors for two years in existing social and economic development after three months of orientation and training, with the option to extend term of service.

Peace officers are criticized lately for casual brutality and prejudice against persons of color by a predominantly white police

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force that seems more intent on defending its "fraternal" conviviality rather than the application of justice and the maintenance of "order." The hierarchical structure of command and obeisance might discourage individual thought and promotes defensive homogeneity.

Trayvon Martin shot by a vigilante police wannabe got coverage and after Ferguson, Baltimore, and NYC, police officers have become protective of the function of the force, or are in deep introspection. We add two officers (Afro and Caucasian) in Harrisburg, Mississippi to the list. Today's memorial, and the week it ushers, is a good time to think through the function and image of peace officers.

Ex-PCVs number nearly 220,000 Americans in the last 54 years, having served 140 countries including the U.N. Trust Territory of the Pacific. They are a nebulous group not given to too much hoopla, though with a playful reputation of introducing Mary Jane into the islands.

A local judge who was a PCV in Equatorial West Africa, quietly guards the legal health of the

CNMI. Many PCVs in Micronesia stayed to assume civilian positions of leadership.

Peace. Give it a chance. It is the song of the times, for both corps. I am still crooning!

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Acceleration: Insane

It's not every day that a stranger lets you wring out a brand-new, \$120,000 sports car. But that's just what happened on Tuesday. I was an out-of-towner being, as usual, an airport bum, swapping flying stories and drinking coffee with the local flyers in a flight school lobby. One of the locals had taken delivery of an electric car, a Tesla S P85D.

He dared me to take it on the road and floor the pedal from a dead stop.

Well, OK, mister. I ain't scared of no electric car. I mean, how fast can an electric car really go?

Before I compose an answer to that question, please wait a moment so the blood can return to my eyeballs. Right now, it's still pooled at the back of my skull from the Tesla's acceleration forces.

Cazart! That thing is fast.

Despite the neck-snapping acceleration, the Tesla didn't squeal the tires, it didn't pull to one side or the other, and it didn't have the roar of a fuel-burning engine. There may have been a slight hum to the electric motors, but I don't remember. All I remember is that the outside world became a blur as I went zero-to-60 mph in just a few seconds. We shot straight down the road like a rocket.

Sixty is as fast as I took it. Then we drove around some curves and did some maneuvering. The car handled well. Its low center of

gravity certainly helped here.

As we made our way back to the airport, the owner scrolled through the various menus on the large electric touch-screen that comprises the center portion of the dashboard.

It has, for example, a feature that makes the steering wheel feel like you're running over rumble strips if you start drifting out of your lane.

Drivers can adjust all sorts of stuff. As for the options for acceleration performance, I didn't notice the entire layout on the screen, but one option was labeled "Insane."

Yes, really. How cool is that?

As for the look of the Tesla S, unless you knew what you were looking at, you wouldn't know that the car was electric. It looks like a moderately sleek four-door sedan.

The owner said the car has a range of about 250 miles. As for the model specifics, the Tesla S comes in several flavors, of which the "P85D" is an upper-end offering. I was told the "P" is for performance (no argument here), the "85" reflects the battery capacity of 85 kilowatt hours, and the "D" is for dual motors, one of which drives the front wheels, the other of which drives the rear wheels.

I'm not knowledgeable about electric cars, but they've got a growing, and often sophisticated, fan base, so the Web is surely full

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of information on the subject.

I can merely relate my impression as un-reformed high-school gear-head. Being an electric car, a lot of the attention aimed at the Tesla goes to the "electric" part, which is fair enough. But it was the "car" part that caught my attention, because it had such good "carness."

OK, that's not a word. But it should be.

After we got back to the airport, my routine reverted to its usual trajectory. Dinner consisted of a candy bar and a bag of chips from a hotel vending machine. Still, for a quiet Tuesday in a strange town, it wasn't half bad.

Orwellian tendencies

We're loaded with disoriented political rhetoric that evaporates like morning dew after it is fed to humiliating brawn. It's nothing unusual. It's the new fad among politicians.

We were hoping for astute leadership but we find the grand display of demagoguery turned into an art. With faithful sycophants the storm of fiscal disaster picks up steam!

We fail to employ conviction or definition behind expressions on most issues of importance. You quiz what happens under worsening fiscal condition. Immensely troubling the pile of debts that looks like heaps of snow in the meadows. Did someone say, "Let it be?"

Bloated payroll: Difficult as it may be, the election is over and the time is ripe to make resolute and difficult decisions cutting down the bloated public payroll of over 3,000 employees. The surging debt by the millions of dollars can't be treated as mythical creature (hobgoblins) of little minds humiliatingly adored by clueless politicians.

Bankruptcy: The Settlement Fund is another creature that must be revamped so it is made cash-balanced. It's the only way to steer clear of bankruptcy in perpetuity. This can't be rendered the usual timidity as though a passing cotton ball.

Pension programs have driven city and state governments into bankruptcy because politicians have acted as alleged actuarial experts. Here we piled it with obligations rendering it fiscally unsustainable. We're convinced money would fall from the sky like annual Christmas drops. The cargo cult mentality isn't the answer either!

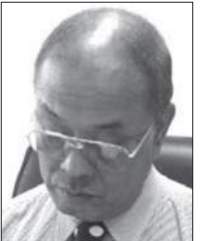
Hypocrisy: There's the perverted irony on the use of Pagan. It isn't good for military purposes but paragons of "cultural values" support defacing it permanently via pozzolan mining. Ready to turn Pagan into another Nauru? Didn't Nauru buy land in Australia and other states across the country for its people because their island is now uninhabitable? Need we repeat history? So rather than hectoring and lecturing, how about employing thoughtful and insightful analysis? Appalling your silence and passivity laced with Orwellian tendencies.

Alliance: Other issues we must probe include: Recent U.S.-Japan Alliance where the latter eventually defends itself over the current arrangement. What does it mean? Would such alliance retain Futenma base in Okinawa? Would it mean military buildup in Guam and the CNMI would be downsized? It's also good to watch if there are likely agreements with the use of former U.S. bases in the Philip-

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pinos closest to Asia than the CNMI. Makes sense full square!

Contamination: In the water aquifer on both Saipan and Tinian there's fuel and tar dumped by the Navy before exiting in the early '60s. It is a serious issue dealing with the health of the indigenous people. Have we dealt with it or did we decide to treat it with passivity? Isn't it about our health and future wellbeing? Aren't the two islands factually contaminated? Why is EPA woefully mute? Or isn't this another unannounced experiment in cancer and isn't there a spike of a myriad of cancers today among the indigenous population?

Self-What? If we spout rights to indigenous self-government, and I'm sure bankruptcy isn't uppermost in our working vocabulary, then we would have completed downsizing a useless 29-member bicameral legislature to a unicameral system that comprises just eight members. But it's another issue treated for publicity stunt purposes, instantly ignored when the ink dries off the newspaper pages. So where's the alleged resolve on self-government? Why can't we put truth to power and support assertions with conviction and meaning?

Mindfulness: This brings the term "mindfulness" to my less than nimble mind. It deals with success and how well you handle it when you reach the pinnacle of your career. The Harvard University School of Business offers a semester's course on mindfulness for its graduate students.

What's my point? Did we forget that the NMI is under the "sovereign" rule of the federal government? Why are we talking as if the CNMI is politically sovereign? Didn't we give that up under Covenant Section 101? It's an issue we must revisit because it is reality here since 1978.

Yes, I'm equally mindful of U.S. taxpayers' generosity that feeds our poorer ones with food stamps, Medicaid, and housing because we've failed them. Economic prosperity is in the ICU. As broke as the CNMI is today, we can't even pay any portion of NAP assistance if it suffers congressional cuts. It's an issue we can't ignore. Isn't there a struggle to even pay down the \$31 million NMI utility bills?

The issue is beyond half-cocked spouts on cultural values! And I refuse to descend into amnesiac ignorance on matters that require deliberative discussion and disposition.

RAISE

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mum wage in Los Angeles will lead some teenagers currently focused on their education to take part-time jobs at the new, higher minimum, and displace low-skilled workers from the jobs they now hold. That seems like a bad outcome.

If we really want to help low-skilled workers, we need to recognize that the solutions that actually work are expensive, difficult to achieve or both.

Guaranteeing a minimally acceptable standard of living for those who work entails redistribution of some kind. Minimum wage is one form of redistribution—although we don't always think of it as such—but it's a blunt instrument. Using the tax system is clearly better.

The Earned Income Tax Credit, for instance, targets low-income families very well. Research establishes that it provides generous government subsidies to these families' labor market earnings and it leads more people to work, which probably explains its bipartisan support. Some decry the EITC as "corporate welfare," because the labor market entry it encourages pushes down market wages. But that is precisely why it increases employment. If it did not lower wages, employers would not hire additional workers and those not hired would be more dependent on public programs.

Of course we could still do more. We could make the EITC more generous, including increasing it for those without children who are eligible only for minuscule payments. More radically, we might

consider whether all low-income families, irrespective of employment, should receive more general income support in the form of direct cash payments, what one might think of as a "public dividend" from the extraordinary productivity of the U.S. economy that has permitted those at the top to earn dramatically increasing incomes while incomes at the bottom have stagnated.

These alternative policies would have to be financed by higher taxes, but that's a good thing. Redistribution through taxes is paid for by those with the highest incomes. In contrast, higher minimum wages are paid for by those who happen to own businesses in low-wage industries, and the consumers of the products of those industries, who are more likely to be poor.






Progressives who want to help low-income families by pushing for higher minimum wages would do better to channel their energy and enthusiasm toward methods of redistribution that do less to harm the least-skilled and more to help them, and that redistribute from those who make the most money.

And assuming that something is going to change in response to stagnating incomes, conservatives may be happier with the consequences of well-designed redistribution policies than the kind of high minimum wage floor Los Angeles is contemplating. For now, redistribution is a dead letter that provokes anguished cries of "socialism." But it doesn't have to be.

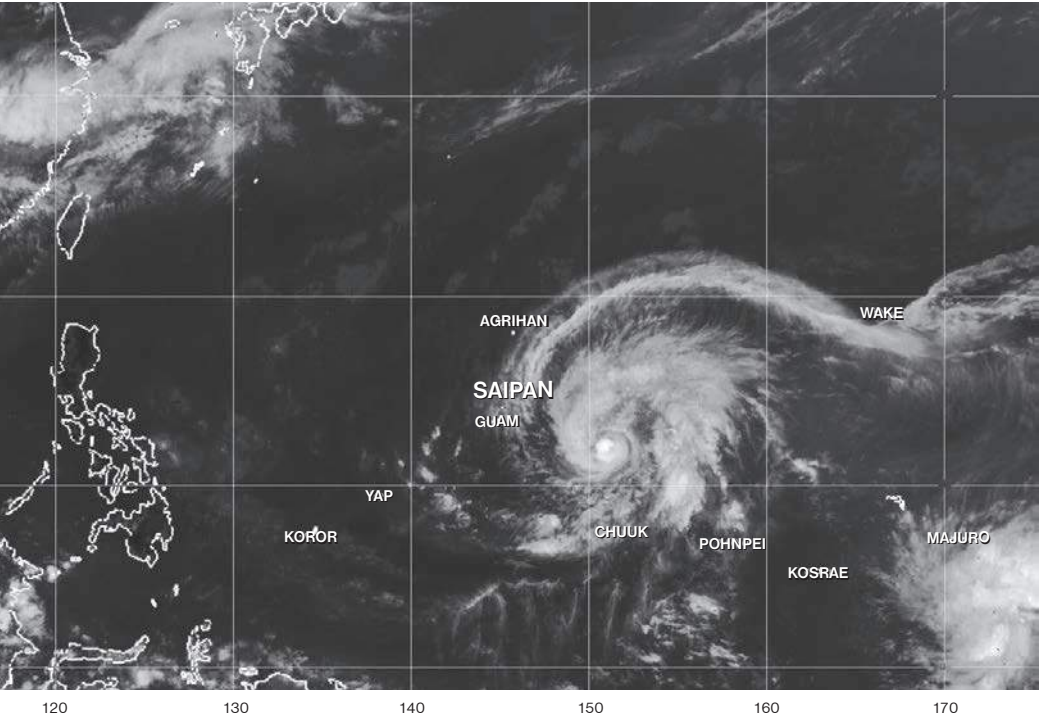
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Typhoon force winds possible. Northeast winds 30-40 mph to 70-80 mph in the afternoon. Numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy and windy with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 25 to 35 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲82° ▼75°	▲83° ▼74°	▲85° ▼75°	▲88° ▼75°	▲88° ▼75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Dolphin (07W) is centered about 285 miles north of Chuuk and 480 miles east-southeast of Guam near 12N152E and moving west-northwest at 15 mph with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Heavy rain and thunderstorms are within 100 miles of the center of Dolphin. Farther out from the center, there are scattered to numerous showers and a few thunderstorms up to 200 miles west and north and up to 400 miles east of the center. Numerous showers and a few thunderstorms across Chuuk are within 75 miles of a line from 10N155E to 8N152E to 8N147E. Scattered showers near Pohnpei are within 60 miles of 7N157E. For more information on Typhoon Dolphin, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A tropical disturbance is centered near Tarawa at 2N173E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the southern Marshall Islands along with Butaritari and Tarawa atoll are southeast of a line from 8N167E to 8N175E to EQ179E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼82
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲61	▼53
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼50
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼69
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼55
Los Angeles	Thundershowers	▲63	▼54
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲95	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲59	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
New York	Sunny	▲74	▼56
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼70
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼44
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼59
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼60
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼47
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲60	▼49
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼50
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼68
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼57



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Saipan Harbor			
5:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
12:41 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
6:49 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:39 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:39 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:40 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	3:13 AM	3:47 PM
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UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
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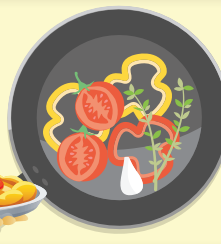


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SATURDAY, May 23rd, 9:00AM - 10:30AM



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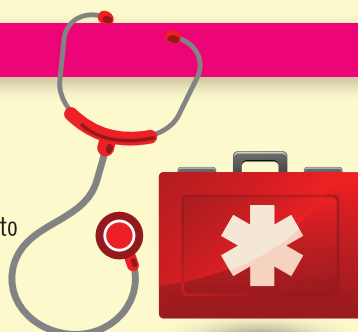
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TUESDAY, May 26th



Department of Correction Visit

CHCC will visit women at DOC to provide basic health services.



THURSDAY, May 28th, 4:30PM - 10:00PM

Zumba Party

Our wrap up party will be at Garapan Central Park from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. This will culminate the month long activities of the 1st Annual CNMI Women's Health Month. Screenings will be available before the Let's Move Zumba class from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Light snacks and entertainment will be available immediately after Zumba.



AHEAD OF LARGE COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY BUILDUP

BECQ plans to bolster monitoring presence on Tinian

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

The Bureau of Environmental Coastal Quality looks to bolster its monitoring presence on Tinian using the historic \$1.2 million permit siting fee paid by Alter City Group for its proposed hotel resort project on the island.

In an interview, BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman said that just by looking at the archaeological designs of the project, he could not recall another development that even comes close to that size.

Citing the proposed commercial hotel-casino and military planned live-fire ranges, Ra-

bauliman said they are looking to beef up their human resource and technical presence on Tinian.

Alter City has proposed a construction timeline of 12 years to be done in three phases. The company secured from the government in November last year a lease on a 152-hectare Tinian land that currently sits on a dumpsite.

Alter City wants to build a \$360-million resort that includes 1,000 hotel rooms, water parks, an 18-hole golf course, villas, casino facilities, and related tourism amenities.

The \$1.2 million Alter City paid last week BECQ covers the project's first phase. The

bureau calculates fees through a formula assessing the project's total investment.

Noting how Alter City's lease sits on a dumpsite, Rabauliman said the bureau would have to look at impacts on coastal areas, among others, he said.

Not only commercial development but also military development creates a "need for added resources on Tinian," he said.

"We have to make certain that is taken care of," he said, referring to the U.S. military plans for live-fire ranges on Tinian.

The bureau has only one staff on Tinian, tasked with routine monitoring, according to Rabauliman.

Meanwhile, another multi-

million dollar resort project on Tinian has not yet filed permit application with the Coastal Resources Management, even after signing a lease with the Commonwealth Ports Authority in March last year.

Bridge Investment Group LLC plans to build a \$130-million-plus resort, the Tinian Ocean View Resort. In March 2014, it was reported that actual construction was being eyed for December last year.

"We have not received any permit application on this proposed development," said CRM director Fran Castro when asked about this.

An email sent to BIG executive director Phillip Mendiola-

Long was not replied to as of yesterday.

Rabauliman said, though, they have had pre-application meeting with the company representatives, where they have walked through the proposed investment.

BIG has leased 439,200

square feet on Tinian for .30 cents per square foot.

The resort's proposed 300 hotel rooms will include a presidential suite, 15 suites, and 58 executive suites. The facility will also include a casino and banquet room, among other amenities.

A different kind of Java Bakery to reopen tomorrow, Saturday



Java Bakery's famous cinnamon rolls.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
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REPORTER

Have you been craving for and missing your daily dose of cinnamon rolls and special coffee blend of Java Bakery since it closed down in March?

Tomorrow, you can end those cravings as the coffee and pastry shop is opening up again. Moving from their old location on Middle Road to the front corner of Paradise Hotel, they are now a deli-style café.

"Instead of a drive-thru, we're doing a sit-down, full-service café that will also serve lunches," owner/manager and head chef Sarah Fryling said.

Aside from the old favorites of rolls, muffins, scones, and pies, old and new customers will now also get to sample a variety of lunch options of soups, salads, and sandwiches.

Just some of what customers can expect are Greek pasta salad, lentil salad, chicken salad and sandwich, veggie sandwich, tomato-based Manhattan clam chowder, cream of tomato soup, and potato cheddar soup.

"For breakfast and lunch on the go, this will be a perfect thing. I'm also encouraging customers to stay. I have free WiFi, I've repainted, put up some artwork. I'm trying to make this a very comfortable and inviting atmosphere," Fryling said.

On the coffee side of things, Java Bakery will introduce their espresso coffees soon—something that they couldn't offer at the drive-thru location before.

According to Fryling, their machine will be arriving in two weeks and they will be introducing more coffee choices such as espresso macchiato and espresso shots. The coffees will still use creamers that they also create on their own.

Creamer aside, all of their food and beverages are made fresh on-location everyday because, according to Fryling, the most important thing is the quality of the food and drinks that they serve.

"Most of my menu items I bake because I love the quality of baking. I don't like to compromise on my ingredients. I use butter, I don't use margarine. I use sugar, I don't use substitutes. I use whole ingredients," she said.

Though not as convenient as a drive-thru, Fryling hopes to get a lot more customers at their new spot.

"I'm hoping to keep a lot of my customers from the drive thru. I have a lot of people who are addicted to the cinnamon rolls or to a certain kind of coffee. I'm hoping to keep most of those customers. I know I'm not as convenient but I'm still going to be quick. But I'm really hoping to develop a lunch crowd," she added.

Java Bakery will be open from 7am-5pm on Mondays through Saturdays starting tomorrow.

"Everybody and anybody are invited. I will be offering free mini cinnamon rolls and mini scones per customer," Fryling said.

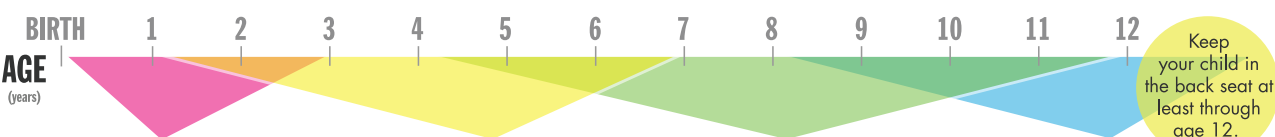
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- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.



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Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

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Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

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Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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Kilili: NEPA gives public a voice in buildup proposals

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) submitted the following statement yesterday in support of the National Environmental Policy Act process that is allowing hundreds of Commonwealth residents to voice their views on the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement.

Sablan entered his remarks in the record for a House Natural

Resources Committee hearing on "The Obama Administration's CEQ Recently Revised Draft Guidance for GHG Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change," guidance that has already been incorporated in the CJMT EIS.

Mr. Chairman:

Ask anyone in the Northern Mariana Islands today about the value of the National Environ-

mental Policy Act of 1969 and I think you will find resounding support. Because today we are in the middle of reviewing a proposed expansion of activity by the U.S. military on property already leased from us on the island of Tinian and on public lands on the island of Pagan, where up until now the military has had no presence. If it were not for NEPA, the military might never have had to explain their plans to the public or estimate what the costs would be to our environment and way of life. And were it not for NEPA, the public would have had little or no opportunity to comment or criticize or question the impact of the military's plans.

Today's Natural Resources Committee hearing is intended to show that the National Environmental Policy Act is being abused by the Administration's new guidelines on inclusion of climate change effects in environmental reviews. Some members of the Committee may say this is one more example of government red tape and over regulation.

I would disagree. It is true that NEPA review can be complex, tedious, slow. But most of the people I represent in the Northern Mariana Islands would say they appreciate the complexity and the thoroughness of the environmental impact statement

that NEPA required the military to prepare for its proposed actions on Tinian and Pagan. Many of the people I represent, including the Governor of the Commonwealth and other elected officials, even argue that the process should be slower, should allow more time for the public and for technical and scientific experts to review the military's actions, which could have long-lasting and profound impact on our community.

Public meetings on Tinian and on the island of Saipan have been very well attended and the military will now have to take into consideration the comments of hundreds of residents, as well as the more formal responses from our government entities. But neither the lengthy exposition of the military's

plans and the impacts of those plans contained in the draft EIS nor the opportunity for public review and comment might have occurred without the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This Act declaring that it is our national policy to protect our environment has stood the test of time. NEPA has proven its worth by forcing the federal government to explain the consequences of its actions in a way that must be thorough and transparent. And NEPA has proven its worth by empowering ordinary Americans — like my constituents today — to stand up to their government and say no, when government threatens to take actions that could damage our environment, or, as I call it, our home. (Office of the Delegate)

Corporation ordered to pay \$1,000 fine

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REPORTER

The Department of Labor has fined Success International Corp. \$1,000 and denied its application for a Certification of Good Standing.

According to the order issued by the department's Administrative Hearing Office, the company is sanctioned a fine of \$1,000 and denied the certification on five grounds.

It said that the employer failed to post job vacancy announcements at the DOL's website and to demonstrate good faith effort to hire a U.S. citizen, a CNMI permanent resident, or a U.S. permanent resident.

The employer also failed to submit quarterly total workforce listing documents for the whole of 2014, workforce plans

for 2014 and 2015, and employer's withholding tax documents for the second, third and fourth quarters of last year.

The administrative order said the certification will only be issued after the sanction has been paid.

Half of the fine must be paid no later than 30 days after the issuance of the order, while the other half may be suspended for one year and then extinguished if Success International complies with the departmental regulations it defied.

However, should the employer fail to comply with the terms of the order, it will be subject to possible reinstatement of the suspended sanction and may have additional monetary sanction.

The employer may appeal its case to the Secretary of Labor until May 25.

Message Of Appreciation

The Organizing Committee of the 2015 Annual Flower and Ornamental Plants Festival would like to thank the following businesses and agencies for making this event a great success:

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250 turn out to watch Uke Jam

A total of 250 family, friends, and community members came out to watch more than 100 students of Saipan Community School perform in last May 7's Uke Jam at the

Saipan Community Church Chapel.

Uke Jam, which is in its

15th year, had SCS students electrify the assembled crowd with familiar songs like *Mary*

Had a Little Lamb (third grade), *If You're Happy and You Know It* (fourth grade),

Are You Sleeping and *BINGO* (fifth grade), *Hawaii Five-O* and *He's a Pirate* (sixth, seventh, and eighth grades).

The event also had several students performing solos and ensembles. Tommy Cayetano, for example, strummed *Toreador March* in his ukulele, while Jason Sablan, Maxine Rabago, Seung Ju Lee, Miku Torres, and Rovin and Vinson Bacani performed The Beatles classic *Can't Buy Me Love*.

The Michael Jackson '80s hit, *Beat It*, was played by the quartet of James Park, Oliver Lee, John Hong, and Shaina Lee.

Esther Park, Kate Ishida, Iris Lee, and Julie Kim, meanwhile, mesmerized those in attendance with their rendition of *Palladio*.

As an encore, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders gave Uke Jam some touch of K Pop (Korean Pop) with their interpretation of the Wonder Girls' *Nobody Nobody But You*, which also saw some audience participation as SCS principal Bobby Winkfield and some parents were pulled up the stage for some impromptu dance moves.

SCS ukulele teacher Tamiko Winkfield congratulated all the students who performed for a successful 2015 Uke Jam.

"Job well done everyone! A great night of music and celebration of 15 years of ukulele at SCS. Looking forward to next year and many years to come!" she said.

She also thanked SCS alumnus Ryu Tanzawa who served as Uke Jam's guest performer that night and wowed everyone with his ultra-fast playing of *Crazy G*.

Tanzawa is finishing his junior year at Grace Christian Academy. He has played in Uke Jam 14 and 15.

"We are very grateful for his enthusiasm for the ukulele and his willingness to share his musicality with the younger students. We are so proud of him and the excellent man he is becoming," said Winkfield.

Several awards were also handed out Thursday night. Esther Park, Sunny Woo, and Rovin Bacani all won the Uke Award, while Shane Xie, Maruf Mamun, and Oliver Lee went home with the Most Improved plums.

Jon Paul Sablan was given the Ukulele Enthusiast Award, while Kate Ishida and R.J. Pierce got the Music All-Around Award and Band Emcee Award, respectively.

Honorable mention award-ees were Annabelle Sablan, Ellen Lee, Mimi Sakano, Celina Wu, Vincent Tudela, Alan Yu, Ken Song, Iris Lee, Julie Kim, and Vinson Bacani for "all their help playing lead, other instruments that were needed to fill out the sound, or just working really hard to master the ukulele," said Winkfield. (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Community School music teacher Tamiko Winkfield, third row extreme right, poses with performers of the 2015 Uke Jam after the event last May 7 at the Saipan Community Church Chapel. Second row left is Winkfield's mother, Debbie, who is influential in propagating the ukulele music program at the Susupe school.

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Esther Park, Kate Ishida, Iris Lee, and Julie Kim mesmerize those in attendance with their rendition of *Palladio*.



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INVITATION TO BID ITB15-GOV-084

Procurement and Delivery of Desktop Computer Hardware with UPS, Software and Printers

Submission Date: May 26, 2015
Opening Date: May 26, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are soliciting sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of desktop computer hardware with UPS, software and printers for the Rota Mayor's Office and Rota Department of Public Safety.

The project package will be available on Friday, May 1, 2015 at CIP- Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt must be presented when obtaining a package. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing on or before May 11, 2015 to CIP-Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill or fax to (670) 664-2408. Response to questions will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB15-GOV-084 Procurement and Delivery of Desktop Computer Hardware with UPS, Software and Printers**, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., May 26, 2015. Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time May 26, 2015.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part and to waive any imperfection in any bid in the best interest of the Government. All bids shall become the property of the GNMI Government.

Eloy S. Inos, Governor

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Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., June 18, 2015, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

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Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ Dr. Tim Kock
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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on June 18, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2015

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Asiana to reduce flights to Saipan starting May 28

Asiana Airlines Inc., South Korea's second-largest flag carrier, said Wednesday that it will reduce its flights to Saipan as part of efforts to address a plane shortfall caused by the recent resumption of its Hiroshima route that was temporarily halted following a hard landing accident in Japan.

The Asiana Airlines Flight 162, carrying 73 passengers and seven crew members, came

to a stop after veering off the runway, as it tried to land in the Hiroshima Airport on April 14. The Airbus 320 passenger plane departed from Incheon International Airport in South Korea.

No passengers were seriously injured and investigation has been underway to figure out the exact cause of the landing issues. The Airbus 320 plane remains not in service pending

investigation.

As Asiana Airlines resumed the flight—once a day—to Hiroshima on April 30, it said that it needs to bring in a new airplane to be deployed for the route.

To fill the void, the air carrier decided to reduce flights to Saipan from twice a day to once and deployed an Airbus 320 operating for the service in the Incheon-Hiroshima route.

Over the past weeks, Asiana Airlines has been depending on any available airplanes in service for other routes, including those for Narita and Hong Kong, to provide the flight service for Hiroshima.

The adjusted flight schedule will go into effect on May 28.

"We cannot keep borrowing planes from other routes. As the peak season is approaching, we've made the decision [on the flight reduction in the Saipan route] to offer a more stable service for our customers," an

Asiana Airlines official said.

Asiana Airlines said that it is contacting about 500 passengers who booked flights for the Saipan route after May 28 for rescheduling or a refund but only half of them have reportedly agreed to the change, industry sources said. *(Yonhap/The Korea Herald))*

SYP logo contest deadline extended



The deadline to submit entries for the Saipan Young Professionals' logo contest

has been extended to Monday, May 18.

This contest is open to all high school students on Saipan. The SYP Logo Design Application packet is available online: www.saipanchamber.com.

Students are being asked to create a logo that represents the group's core values and its identity as "Saipan Young Professionals." This logo will symbolize SYP's value in education, dedication to collaboration, and belief in a better Marianas. SYP is excited to see the innovation and creativity that lies within the island's talented youth.

The group, which is a committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, aims to inspire, network, and engage young professionals to influence positive change and to foster growth that will shape the future of the Marianas.

The logo entries should be submitted to your school representative by Monday, and they will then submit the top two submissions that will represent their school to the Chamber office by May 19, Tuesday.

The following are the representatives for each school: Jonathan Aguon (Saipan Southern High School), Keiko Yamagata (Mount Carmel School), Ramir Trinidad (Marianas Baptist Academy), Jojo Alepuyo (Marianas High School), Beth Nunez (Grace Christian Academy), Leila

Staffler (Kagman High School), Tim Bray (Saipan International School), and Vilma Reyes (Eucon International School).

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Business

More celebrity women taking on role of business owner

NEW YORK (AP)—These days, one of the most-coveted roles among A-list actresses is business owner.

Oscar winner Halle Berry is one of the latest female celebrities to start a business. She launched Scandale Paris last year, a line of lingerie sold at Target stores.

For decades, famous faces have been hired by big corporations to sell hair dye, lipstick and high-end fashion. But now, more female celebrities are taking control and starting their own businesses. It's also helping some balance career and motherhood.

"Having a business like this, I can do more work at home, be with my family," said Berry, who is co-owner and creative director of Scandale Paris. "I have two little kids now. I can't travel around the world and do a movie like I used to."

Wal-Mart shoppers can pick up lip gloss, mascara and perfume made by Flower, a make-up brand co-owned by actress Drew Barrymore. Fitness fanatics can buy a pair of yoga tights from Fabletics, an online seller of workout gear co-founded by actress Kate Hudson.

"It's way more lucrative than making one movie a year," said Jo Piazza, author of "Celebrity, Inc.: How Famous People



AP
In this May 2, 2015 file photo, Halle Berry arrives at the 3rd Annual Kaleidoscope Ball on Saturday, May 2, 2015, in Culver City, Calif. The Oscar winner's Scandale Paris line of \$7 panties and \$18 bras went on sale at Target stores last year.

ey on the table if they don't do this," said Piazza.

Male stars have always had their hand in business ownership, said Piazza, but more women are getting into the game. Owning a business gives stars the potential to make more money over a longer period of time than with short-term endorsement deals. And they have a better chance of succeeding than an average small business owner, since stars come with built-in customers: their fans. They can get their products in front of millions of people with magazine covers, TV talk show

interviews and with their social media accounts. Hudson, for example, was on the cover of the March issue of Shape magazine wearing a \$50 vest, a \$25 sports bra and \$65 leggings, all from Fabletics, of course. Last week, actress and producer Reese Witherspoon launched a brand of clothing, home decorations and stationery called Draper James while simultaneously promoting her new movie "Hot Pursuit." Barrymore's Flower cosmetics company doesn't advertise, instead it relies on her to get the word out about the products.

In most cases, the stars are co-owners along with a business partner or another company that runs the day-to-day operations. Barrymore was approached to start Flower by makeup company Maesa after the actress and producer's five-year endorsement deal with cosmetics company CoverGirl ended.

Make Money."

Berry stumbled upon Scandale Paris during a trip to France. Founded more than 80 years ago, the brand was struggling because the undergarments were too expensive, Berry said. She called her business partner, Erik Ryd, and they bought the company. In October, Scandale's \$7 panties and \$18 bras began selling at Target. In France, they're sold at Carrefour.

Berry is involved with the design of the lingerie and chooses fabrics, even as she films the second season of CBS show "Extant." In the next few

months, Scandale Paris will be sold in Canada, Asia and more European countries. She wants to add bathing suits and nightgowns to the line.

"We are solely focused on getting this business off the ground," said Berry.

Starting a business can be risky, but several star-studded companies have soared. Jessica Alba, who battled evil doers in two "Fantastic Four" movies, co-founded The Honest Company, which sells diapers, baby wipes and laundry detergent, four years ago. It rang up \$150 million in sales last year, Alba

told business network CNBC.

Singer and actress Jessica Simpson, who famously confused a can of tuna fish for chicken on a reality TV show, started a brand 10 years ago that can be found in Macy's, Nordstrom and other stores. Last month, brand management company Sequential Brands bought a majority stake in the Jessica Simpson Collection, which sells women's clothing, shoes and handbags. Sequential did not say how much it paid, but said the brand brings in nearly \$1 billion in sales a year.

"Celebrities are leaving mon-

been growing in recent years. 1-800 Contacts has captured about 10 percent of the national market, court documents state.

The manufacturers say that the minimum prices protect eye doctors, allowing the professionals to talk to their patients about the right lenses for them without having to worry about prices.

"There is no need to shop around for a better price," Johnson and Johnson company attorneys wrote. The American Optometric Association said in a statement Wednesday that going to the doctor for lenses also helps keep people's eyes safe.

Contested Utah law could impact contact lens industry

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A law banning price-fixing for contact lenses that took effect this week in Utah is a setback for the nation's largest manufacturers that could have ripple effects across the country amid an increasingly bitter fight with discount retailers.

The new law appears to clear the way for the largest online discount seller, Utah-based 1-800 Contacts, to disregard minimum prices set by the lens makers and sell at a discount across state lines, said Steve DelBianco, executive director of the Internet sellers trade

group NetChoice.

"That's good for consumers, who pay less for their lenses when they buy from Utah suppliers," he said in an email message. But contact lens manufacturers Johnson & Johnson, Bausch & Lomb and Alcon Laboratories disagree, and the measure is still in legal limbo. They call the law an unconstitutional overreach written specifically to bolster the Utah-based 1-800 Contacts and are fighting it in court.

Utah officials, meanwhile, have been vague on whether it will allow Utah companies to sell at discounted rates to cus-

tomers outside the state. 1-800 Contacts said they plan to lower their prices, but did not respond to questions from The Associated Press about whether that would apply to customers outside the state. As of Wednesday afternoon, the price for a 12-pack of the popular Acuvue Oasys brand hadn't changed.

At stake is control of a roughly \$4 billion market with some 38 million American customers, according to court papers. Many contact lens sales come from eye doctors, who issue prescriptions that are brand and model specific, but discount retailers have

RX for Baltimore economy: More residents with money to spend

BALTIMORE (AP)—The fragility of Baltimore's economy was exposed by Freddie Gray's death from a spinal injury suffered while in police custody.

The tragedy unleashed protests, looting and a widespread recognition that Baltimore's poor have long lacked job opportunities. But it also revealed the easily overlooked absence of a stable upper-middle class, the same group that has revitalized cities such as New York and Washington. Baltimore is actively seeking to bring these people back, since their spending power could help restore neighborhoods, expand the economic base and energize what

has been a tentative comeback for the 620,000-person city.

Compared with rival cities that have enjoyed a renaissance, Baltimore's upper-middle class remains a relatively small slice of the city. Nearly 43 percent of families in Washington proper earn at least \$100,000, for example, compared with just 16 percent in Baltimore. A greater share of families living in New York City, Boston and Richmond, Virginia, enjoy six-figure incomes.

Baltimore has added nearly 4,000 upper middle-class families since 2010. But residents say the city lacks the critical mass of stable incomes to revive a city crushed by decades of ne-

glect and poverty. Without a solid foundation of customers with money to spend, major retailers are less likely to invest in a community. Reports that the unrest damaged at least 350 businesses and televised images of a CVS pharmacy being looted were a reminder that vast stretches of the city contain few supermarkets, restaurants or stores.

"What's missing in a lot of these neighborhoods is real retail - opportunities to go shopping without having to get on two buses or walking a mile," said William H. Cole, president of the Baltimore Development Corporation.

New York, of course, has

richly benefited as a global financial capital. And Washington has long prospered from government-related jobs. But as a long-time industrial port city that has lacked a base of higher-paying jobs, Baltimore has attempted a more difficult reinvention.

Eric Hontz, a 33-year-old lawyer, moved from Washington two years ago to buy a home in the West Baltimore neighborhood of Reservoir Hill. He has seen both worlds.

"I've heard people say that Baltimore is 30 miles to the North and 30 years behind D.C.," Hontz said. "But we don't have the presence of the federal government as a safety net."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wal-Mart to test unlimited shipping service for \$50 per year

NEW YORK (AP)—Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will test a new unlimited shipping service for online shoppers this summer that will be priced below Amazon's \$99 per year Prime service. Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the shipping subscription service will cost customers \$50 a year. Products will arrive in three days or less. Wal-Mart offers a grocery delivery and pickup service in five markets. But the unlimited shipping program marks a substantial commitment and underscores how serious the retailer is about accelerating the growth of its online business, which has seen a slowdown. The unlimited shipping service was first reported by The Information, a publication that covers the technology industry. Ravi Jariwala, a company spokesman, said the offering is in response to increasing demands from customers who are looking for predictable and affordable shipping.

Frontier Airlines CEO steps down citing personal reasons

DALLAS (AP)—The CEO of Frontier Airlines resigned and was replaced by the carrier's chairman and president, who vowed to improve a record of frequent flight delays and customer complaints. Frontier said Wednesday that Dave Siegel stepped down for personal reasons. Siegel's departure came the same day that consultants J.D. Power ranked Frontier last in a survey of customer satisfaction. On Monday, the federal government said that Frontier had the highest complaint rate and the worst on-time performance among the nation's 14 leading airlines in March. Frontier, based in Denver, said that Chairman Bill Franke will manage strategy and finances and President Barry Biffle will handle daily operations. Siegel had led Frontier since January 2012. After Republic Airways sold Frontier in 2013 to Franke's investment firm, Indigo Partners, the airline switched to a so-called ultra-low-cost carrier. It offers low base fares but adds fees to stow a carry-on bag, get an assigned seat and other extras.

Geoduck farming takes off as demand for clams grows in Asia

HARSTINE ISLAND, Wash. (AP)—A growing middle class in Asia is driving demand for an odd-shaped giant clam that thrives in the inland waters of the Pacific Northwest. Last year, the U.S. exported \$74 million, or about 11 million pounds, worth of live wild and farmed geoduck (GOO'-ee-duhk), mostly to China and Hong Kong. That's double the volume and value exported in 2008. That demand is prompting shellfish farmers to grow more of the clams along Washington's private tidelands. Several new farms have been permitted in recent years, despite challenges from opponents concerned about potential environmental harm. And now, backed by new research showing mostly short-lived, localized environmental effects from geoduck farming, the state is preparing for the first time to lease 15 acres of public tidelands for geoduck aquaculture.

Nation

Investigators: Train in deadly wreck was speeding 106 mph

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Amtrak train that crashed in Philadelphia, killing at least seven people, was hurtling at 106 mph before it ran off the rails along a sharp curve where the speed limit drops to just 50 mph, federal investigators said Wednesday.

The engineer applied the emergency brakes moments before the crash but slowed the train to only 102 mph by the time the locomotive's black box stopped recording data, said Robert Sumwalt, of the National Transportation Safety Board. The speed limit just before the bend is 80 mph, he said.

The engineer, whose name was not released, refused to give a statement to law enforcement and left a police precinct with a lawyer, police said. Sumwalt said federal accident investigators want to talk to him but will give him a day or two to recover from the shock of the accident.

Mayor Michael Nutter said there was "no way in the world"

the engineer should have been going that fast into the curve.

"Clearly he was reckless and irresponsible in his actions," Nutter told CNN. "I don't know what was going on with him, I don't know what was going on in the cab, but there's really no excuse that could be offered."

More than 200 people aboard the Washington-to-New York train were injured in the wreck, which happened in a decayed industrial neighborhood not far from the Delaware River just before 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Passengers crawled out the windows of the torn and toppled rail cars in the darkness and emerged dazed and bloody, many of them with broken bones and burns.

It was the nation's deadliest train accident in nearly seven years.

Amtrak suspended all service until further notice along the Philadelphia-to-New York stretch of the nation's busiest rail corridor as investigators examined the wreckage and the

tracks and gathered evidence. The shutdown snarled the commute and forced thousands of people to find other ways to reach their destinations.

The dead included an Associated Press employee, a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, a Wells Fargo executive, a college administrator and the CEO of an educational startup. At least 10 people remained hospitalized in critical condition.

Nutter said some people were unaccounted for but cautioned that some passengers listed on the Amtrak manifest might not have boarded the train, while others might not have checked in with authorities.

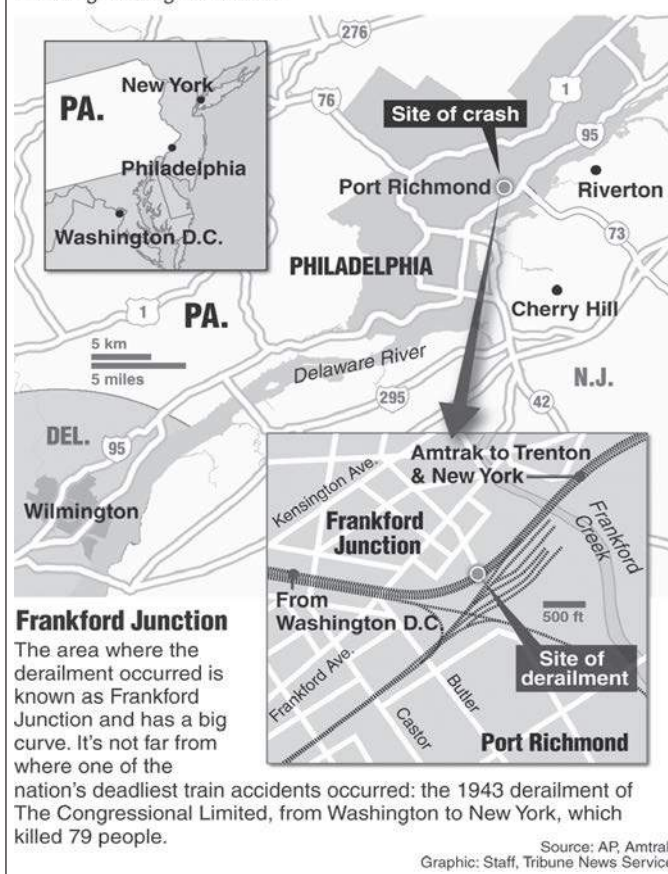
"We will not cease our efforts until we go through every vehicle," the mayor said.

He said rescuers expanded the search area and were using dogs to look for victims in case someone was thrown from the wreckage.

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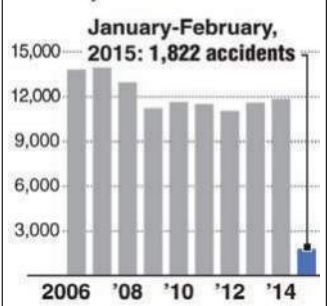
Amtrak derailment

Train 188, was headed to New York from Washington, D.C., when it derailed shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday. Amtrak said the train was carrying 238 passengers and five crew members. Seven carriages including the engine derailed.



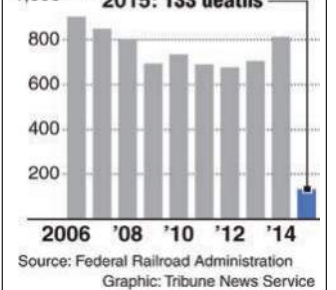
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Despite pressure from Congress and safety regulators, Amtrak had not installed along that section of track Positive Train Control, a technology that uses GPS, wireless radio and computers to prevent trains from going over the speed limit. Most of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor is equipped with Positive Train Control.

SIDEBAR

Deadly passenger train accidents in US in recent years

The derailment of an Amtrak train in Philadelphia is the latest passenger train crash involving fatalities in the United States. Other crashes that killed passengers include two involving commuter rail lines serving New York City, where Amtrak Northeast Regional Train 188 was bound when it crashed Tuesday night.

FEB. 3, 2015 - A Metro-North train slams into an SUV on the tracks at a railroad crossing about 20 miles north of New York City, killing the SUV's driver and five people aboard the train.

DEC. 1, 2013 - A Metro-North train derailed on a curved

section of track in the Bronx, killing four people and injuring 63, and comes to rest just inches from the Harlem River.

SEPT. 12, 2008 - A Metrolink commuter train fails to stop at a red light near Chatsworth, California, and collides with an oncoming freight train. The crash kills 25 people and injures 135 others. Investigators say the train's engineer had been texting while on duty.

JAN. 26, 2005 - A pair of crowded commuter trains smash into each other in Glendale, California, when a suicidal man drives an SUV onto the tracks. One train strikes

the SUV and derails into the other. Eleven people are killed and nearly 200 injured.

MARCH 15, 1999 - An Amtrak train hits a truck and derails near Bourbonnais, Illinois. Eleven people are killed and about 100 injured.

FEB. 16, 1996 - An Amtrak train and a commuter train collide in Silver Spring, Maryland. Eleven people are killed.

SEPT. 22, 1993 - A barge hits a railroad bridge near Mobile, Alabama. Minutes later, an Amtrak train hits the bent tracks and plunges into the bayou, killing 47 people. (AP)

ACROSS THE NATION

Demonstrators protest police shooting in Wisconsin capital

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Protesters angry about a prosecutor's decision not to charge a white Madison police officer for killing an unarmed biracial man staged a mock hearing outside of a courthouse Wednesday to get the result they had wanted—a trial—even if it was all symbolic. After a peaceful procession from the apartment house where Officer Matt Kenny killed 19-year-old Tony Robinson on March 6 through the streets of the state capital to the Dane County Courthouse, some 150 to 200 protesters looked on as others laid out the case for why Kenny should stand trial. "Was Tony Robinson murdered and should Matt Kenny be charged

with homicide?" Alix Shabazz, one of the event's organizers, shouted to her fellow protesters. The crowd gave its rousing approval. Madison Mayor Paul Soglin had warned that anyone who broke the law would be arrested. At the end of the event, police arrested some two dozen protesters who locked arms and blocked an intersection near the courthouse. As the police were detaining those protesters, onlookers hurled insults at the officers, including racial epithets.

Laramie passes measure to protect gays, lesbians

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP)—The Laramie City Council on Wednesday approved a local anti-discrimination ordinance in the college town where Mat-

thew Shepard's death triggered nationwide sympathy and brought a re-examination of attitudes toward gays 17 years ago. The council voted 7-2 in favor of the measure that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in housing, employment and access to public facilities such as restaurants. Local organizers focused their efforts on Laramie after the Legislature repeatedly rejected anti-discrimination bills, most recently early this year. The Laramie Nondiscrimination Task Force presented a draft ordinance to the City Council last summer. Jeran Artery, head of the group Wyoming Equality which has lobbied for the anti-discrimination measures at the state Legislature, said he was thrilled with the council vote.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement and Installation of a Rotating Beacon
Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport
Project No. CPA-SA-003-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure and install a brand new rotating beacon, climbing device and basket at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, installation and testing of the new beacon with a 1-year warranty and an additional 1-year preventive maintenance services.

All requirements under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) latest edition of Advisory Circular 150/5345-12, "Specifications for Airport and Heliport Beacons" must be adhered to during the procurement and installation of this equipment. See Scope of Work (SOW) for specific details. The SOW and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project.

A site inspection will be conducted on **Friday, May 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in order to assess the condition and area and determine equipment and materials needed for the installation. Prospective proposers shall meet the Saipan Airport Manager, Mr. Edward B. Mendiola, at the beacon site at 9:00 a.m.

The contract period for procurement and installation will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of \$500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse by CPA.

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015.**

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to the Saipan Airport Manager at cpa.edmendiola@pticom.com.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.


This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


/s/ THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman /Contracting Officer

Date: May 6, 2015

Nepal villagers demand help after 2nd quake



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR BOND TRUSTEE SERVICES 2015-CDA-04-RFP

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 3, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA), are soliciting proposals for bond trustee services.

The original and six (6) copies of a proposal must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time (Chst) on May 23, 2015. No proposals will be accepted after that date and time. Proposals shall be in sealed envelopes marked “Proposal for Bond Trustee Services” and delivered to the attention of:

Mr. Herman S. Sablan,
Director Division of Procurement and Supply (P&S)
Department of Finance
Government of the Northern Mariana Islands
Lower Base
Saipan, MP 96950

Copies of the RFP package may be obtained from the CDA office, CDA Building in San Jose, Saipan. Electronic copies of the Proposal will not be accepted. The CDA reserves the right to reject any proposal that in its sole determination is not in the best interest of the CNMI Government.

/s/
Manuel A. Sablan
CDA Executive Director

/s/
Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

World

Chain of factors lead to rising migrant deaths on high seas

PARIS (AP)—Nearly nine times more migrants have died so far this year in Mediterranean crossings compared to last year at this time—swallowed by the sea as Europe beckons.

Why is this the year of so many deaths? There is no single reason. A chain of factors interlock, overlap and unfold into catastrophe on the high seas.

Smugglers are bolder and increasingly ruthless. They're taking more risks with unseaworthy vessels, and sometimes sending migrants out with no one at the helm.

The phasing out last fall of Italy's Mare Nostrum rescue operation, which used big ships to comb the sea far and wide, has left a gaping void that is filled in part by hulking merchant ships ill-equipped to pluck panicked souls from small, capsizing vessels.

The International Organization for Migration, or IOM, estimates that as of May 7 Mediterranean deaths stood at 1,829, compared to 207 in the same period in 2014. This year's rate soared before the onset of the warm season when crossings multiply, and despite a boom in successful crossings last year.

More people are risking the journey this year—with about 39,500 arrivals by late April this year compared with 32,500 over



In this April 23, 2015, file photo, mourners attend a funeral service for 24 migrants who drowned while trying to reach the Southern coasts of Italy, in Msida, on the outskirts of Valletta, Malta. AP

the same period last year, when arrivals soared, according to the U.N. refugee agency. Their mortality rate en route is higher, too: Roughly 1 in 22 have died so far in 2015 compared to 1 in 157 in the same period last year.

Deaths can only be estimated. Real numbers may be higher, because some migrant vessels may simply disappear at sea.

The transit from Libya to Italy is by far the deadliest. Just 290 kilometers (180 miles) separates the smuggling haven of Libya from

Lampedusa, the southern Italian island where tens of thousands of migrants land. The crossing to Italy accounted for an estimated 1,780 of the 1,829 Mediterranean deaths recorded so far this year by the IOM. Even subtracting two major shipwrecks that killed at least 1,200, the number of migrants swallowed up during the trip toward Italy has soared.

What experts call the “push” factor remains as strong as ever—the reason people leave their home countries for the treacher-

ous journey to Europe. Syrians escaping civil war and Eritreans fleeing a hard-line regime that requires indefinite army service accounted for the largest number of arrivals in Italy last year.

And most often Syrians and sub-Saharan Africans transit through Libya—a country in chaos, without a central government, that has become a thriving center for smugglers.

LIBYAN MATRIX

Flush with desperate migrants

the media.

A Saudi Defense Ministry statement also accused the Houthis of violating the cease-fire by firing toward the Saudi border areas of Jizan and Najran. It said the kingdom's armed forces were exercising restraint as part of their commitment to the cease-fire.

Saudi Arabia and its coalition of Sunni Arab countries began the air campaign on March 26 to try to break the advance of the Houthis and its allies, who overran the capital, Sanaa, and much of northern Yemen late last year and have been on the offensive in the south.

Yemen's humanitarian truce barely holds as violence resumes

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemen's humanitarian cease-fire came under significant strain in its first 24 hours Wednesday, disrupted by a Saudi-led coalition airstrike, fighting between rival sides in a strategic province and shelling by coalition warships west of the port city of Aden.

The airstrike in Abyan province was in response to an attempt by the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, to send a military convoy to support their forces in Aden, according to Yemeni security officials. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the airstrike.

The heaviest violence on the ground was in the southwestern province of Taiz, where the Iranian-backed rebels and their allies—forces loyal to ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh—have for weeks been fighting forces loyal to the nation's internationally recognized president.

Yemeni officials said the Houthis shelled residential areas in Taiz, a claim supported by an Amnesty International report. The London-based rights group said Wednesday that evidence suggested the Houthis have carried out indiscriminate mortar attacks on civilians and repeatedly targeted medical workers

and facilities in Aden.

Also in the south, officials and witnesses said coalition warships deployed off Aden shelled rebel forces that attempted to seize an area west of the city that is home to fuel tanks.

Fighting was also reported elsewhere in the south when rebels sought to storm the city of Dhale just north of Aden, firing tank shells, rockets and mortars against positions belonging to forces loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, according to the officials and witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to

Vatican recognizes state of Palestine in new treaty

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican officially recognized the state of Palestine in a new treaty finalized Wednesday, immediately sparking Israeli ire and accusations that the move hurt peace prospects.

The treaty, which concerns the activities of the Catholic Church in Palestinian territory, is both deeply symbolic and makes explicit that the Holy See has switched its diplomatic recognition from the Palestine Liberation Organization to the state of Palestine.

The Vatican had welcomed the decision by the U.N. General Assembly in 2012 to recognize a Palestinian state and

had referred to the Palestine state since. But the treaty is the first legal document negotiated between the Holy See and the Palestinian state, giving the Vatican's former signs of recognition an unambiguous confirmation in a formal, bilateral treaty.

“Yes, it's a recognition that the state exists,” said the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry said it was “disappointed.”

“This move does not promote the peace process and distances the Palestinian leadership from returning to direct and bilateral negotiations,” the ministry said in a text message.

The United States and Israel oppose recognition, arguing that it undermines U.S.-led efforts to negotiate an Israeli-Palestinian deal on the terms of Palestinian statehood. Most countries in Western Europe have held off on recognition, but some have hinted that their position could change if peace efforts remain deadlocked.

The treaty was finalized days before Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas visits Pope Francis at the Vatican. Abbas is heading to Rome to attend Francis' canonization Sunday of two new saints from the Holy Land.

“This is a very important

recognition as the Vatican has a very important political status that stems from its spiritual status,” said Abbas' senior aide, Nabil Shaath. “We expect more EU countries to follow.”

The Vatican has been referring unofficially to the state of Palestine since 2012.

During Pope Francis' 2014 visit to the Holy Land, the Vatican's official program referred to Abbas as the president of the “state of Palestine.” The Vatican's foreign minister, Monsignor Antoine Camilleri, acknowledged the change in status, but said the shift was simply in line with the Holy See's position.

seeking a sea crossing, smugglers are more numerous, more reckless, and able to operate with impunity in lawless Libya, experts say.

“When there is demand, there is supply. There is a lot of money in it,” said Martin Xuereb, director of the non-profit Migrant Offshore Aid Station, or MOAS, which is based in Malta, an arrival point for migrants. “The more money you rake in,” he said, “the more reckless you become.”

As examples experts cite: increasingly unseaworthy vessels, including wooden fishing boats or inflatable rubber dinghies; vessels dangerously overloaded with migrants; more crossings and in dubious weather conditions.

Wood is rotting on the old, badly refurbished fishing boats, likely made in Egypt or Tunisia and bought for a song, said Flavio Di Giacomo, spokesman in Italy for the International Organization for Migration. He called the rubber dinghies as something to be used “if you go to the beach” that “takes seconds to sink.”

That such vessels are overloaded with migrants ensures that many of them are doomed.

“Every boat that leaves has a very high possibility of shipwreck,” Di Giacomo said.

In the past, migrant vessels could travel two to three days. Distress calls now go out soon after they leave Libyan shores.

Multiple calls for help can come within hours, something new this year, Di Giacomo said. Response capacities of the Italian coast guard and other rescue ves-

sels, small and normally working close to the Italian coast, are stretched. Merchant vessels are transformed into rescuers instead.

Merchant ships “uphold the age-old tradition of rescue at sea,” said Xuereb of MOAS, but “this is not their mission.” Such rescues carry their own dangers, he and others note. Crews are not trained for rescue operations and giant vessels, often towering tankers or container ships, are not equipped.

But they render a precious service. Commercial vessels saved 41,000 migrants last year, according to IOM. It was not known how many migrants drowned in those rescues.

Weather is no longer a smuggler's guide. Numerous boats were leaving in numbers in January and February “when the weather can change within a matter of hours,” said Xuereb.

Migrants in dinghies are sent off with a GPS and a satellite phone. And for the first time, “ghost ships” without navigators and set on autopilot have been used for Mediterranean crossings, notably an old cattle freighter launched New Year's Eve packed with migrants in pens.

Deteriorating conditions in Libya may fuel the cynical tactics. “Whether you repair washing machines or you smuggle migrants, your day has gotten a lot tougher,” said Joel Millman, a Geneva-based spokesman for the IOM. “They are acting with more reckless abandon. They have found a model that works.”

Gunfire, explosions in Burundi capital amid coup attempt

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP)—Sporadic gunfire rang out in Burundi's capital on Thursday, the day after an army general announced he had ousted President Pierre Nkurunziza, whose decision to seek a third term in office provoked angry street protests.

Loud explosions could be heard in central Bujumbura, which has been the scene of daily protests against another term for Nkurunziza.

Thousands took to the streets on Wednesday to celebrate after Maj. Gen. Godefroid Niyombare announced on a private radio station that Nkurunziza had been relieved of his duties.

Nkurunziza was in neighboring Tanzania for a summit on his country's troubles at the time.

It remains unclear who is running the country, with the military said to be divided between Nkurunziza loyalists and those who back Niyombare, who had been fired in February as the country's intelligence chief.

Police withdrew from the streets of Bujumbura after Niyombare's coup statement, and people thronged Bujumbura's streets and applauded soldiers

who rode by in tanks and trucks. But some officials remained loyal to Nkurunziza. His office said a statement posted on the president's Twitter and Facebook accounts Wednesday evening that the coup attempt was unsuccessful.

At least 15 people were killed during daily protests over Nkurunziza's bid for a third term. During almost three weeks of unrest, the military acted as a buffer between police and protesters who said Nkurunziza's bid for a third was a violation of the constitution and Arusha peace accords that ended a civil war here.

Burundi's constitution states a president can be popularly elected to two five-year terms. Nkurunziza maintains he can run for a third term because parliament elected him for his first one, leaving him open to be popularly elected to two terms.

The U.S. government on Wednesday called on all sides in Burundi to end the violence and expressed full support for the ongoing work by regional leaders to restore peace and unity in the country.

Off The Wall

A nail in the eye, a lucky landscaper left without a scratch

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER

There must have been a four-leaf clover in those weeds. A 27-year-old landscaper escaped with barely a scratch after a nearly 3-inch nail hurtled into his eye when he accidentally hit it with a weed-whacker.

Doctors who removed the nail at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital describe the case in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"When you looked at him, all you saw was the back end of the nail" in his right eye, said Dr. Wael Asaad, a neurosurgeon now at Rhode Island Hospital and Brown University.

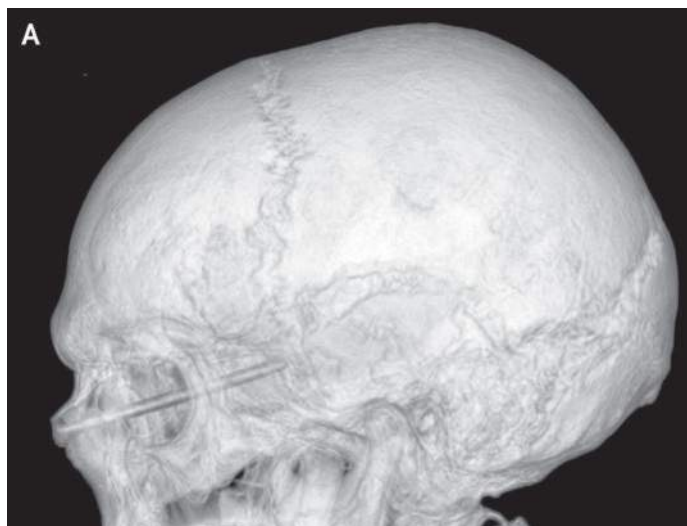
It happened about two years ago, and the man wasn't identified.

Doctors couldn't tell how long the nail was or its path, so radiologist Dr. Rajiv Gupta used a new type of CT scanner to get detailed images.

"It reached almost to the tip of the other eye and the brain. It was a very long nail," he said.

The good news: It had not penetrated the globe of the eye, but was to one side.

The bad news: It was lodged against one of the main arteries



This undated image provided by the New England Journal of Medicine on May 12, 2015 shows a CT scan with a nail in the eye of a patient.

supplying blood to the head, and another artery serving the other eye.

"The tip of the nail was like the finger in the dam. We were worried that if we pulled it out, there would be bleeding"—a jet of blood that could damage the other eye or the brain, or even prove fatal, Asaad said.

So they made an elaborate plan in case an artery ruptured and had to be repaired: One surgeon was ready to operate through the head. A second

surgeon was ready to operate through the neck. As these two stood by, a third surgeon carefully pulled out the nail.

They waited several minutes. No major bleeding occurred. They stopped sedating him and the patient was allowed to wake. After a tetanus shot and a prescription for five days of preventive antibiotics, he was on his way.

A checkup eight weeks later showed his vision had returned to normal. Had the nail struck 1 millimeter away, he likely

would have had major damage, doctors said.

As dramatic as it was, "nails penetrating the skull are not

as uncommon as you would think," usually from nail gun accidents, Asaad said.

Gupta said the lesson is clear:

"Wear eye protection whenever operating heavy machinery" or power tools, even simple ones used in gardening.

Michigan couple with 12 sons already welcome boy No. 13

ROCKFORD, Mich. (AP)—A Michigan couple who already had 12 sons have kept the all-male streak alive with the birth of boy No. 13 on Wednesday.

Jay Schwandt told The Associated Press that his wife Kateri gave birth Wednesday morning, four days after her due date.

The couple had said they were sticking to the tradition of not knowing the baby's sex ahead of time.

The 40-year-old father

confirmed the birth in a text message to The Associated Press, saying the family will release details Thursday on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America."

"Ok, so the boys know now!" Schwandt said in a post on Facebook. "It's a BOY! Now we need to choose a name! BLESSED beyond belief!"

The Schwandts live in Rockford, north of Grand Rapids.

Kateri Schwandt, 40, says

she has a lot of experience with large families, as one of 14 children herself.

In an interview last week, she said she finds motherhood to be "very rewarding."

"Your children are a little piece of you. Every day is Mother's Day," she told The Grand Rapids Press. "They will bring me flowers that they pick in the yard. Even if it's a dandelion, it's special because they were thinking of Mom."

Indiana woman receives diploma 82 years after leaving school

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP)—An Indiana woman who will turn 100 years old later this month has received her high school diploma more than eight decades after she originally was supposed to graduate.

Lora Lois LeMond White Hardy received the certificate Tuesday evening at the Anderson Community Schools board of trustees meeting.

Hardy needed just four more credits to earn her diploma from Anderson High School in 1933—at the height of the Great Depression—when she was forced to quit school and work at a company owned by General Motors

to help support her family, which included seven younger siblings, The (Anderson) Herald Bulletin reported.

"I lacked four credits when my dad got sick," she said. "I got a job at Delco, and that was about as good as you could hope for back then."

Hardy initially worked on an assembly line making car horns. She retired from the automotive company more than 40 years later, in 1976.

"She has stated that her biggest regret in life is that she was not able to complete high school and earn her diploma," Superintendent Terry Thompson said.

Hardy, who lives in Florida, returned to central Indiana to receive her diploma. But she wasn't aware that a ceremony would be held to commemorate the occasion.

"I knew I was going to get the diploma, but I had no idea it would be all this," she said.

As Hardy sat in the front row of the board meeting, wearing a traditional cap and gown, Thompson presented her with a bouquet of flowers and the long-awaited certificate. Family, friends and other attendees stood and clapped as she read over the honorary diploma.

Hardy will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 28.

Don't let the slobber fool you, your dog could be a brainiac

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When her muscles locked and left her unable to move or speak, Wallis Brozman was glad she had a genius for a service dog.

Brozman, who has a movement disorder called dystonia, had taken her golden-Labrador retriever mix, Caspin, outside for a potty break without attaching the pulling harness he wears to guide her. Suddenly, she couldn't move.

"I couldn't talk or yell. I had no phone to text a message. I thought I would be stranded until someone found us," said Brozman, who lives on her own in Santa Rosa, California, with a wheelchair and Caspin, who understands English and sign language.

Caspin put his neck under her hand until she got a finger looped on his collar.

"Then, very slowly, he started to pull me forward. He pushed the door open. Then he stayed by me until I could function enough to get into bed," she said.

Caspin ranks as a Protodog, a spontaneous pooch that bonds easily and can solve problems on its own or with people, according to dog intelligence measures created by scientists and trainers. The Dognition

Assessment uses 20 games to determine a dog's level of empathy, communication, cunning, memory and reasoning.

People believing they have a smarty pants for a pet can see if their dog fits the bill on Nat Geo Wild's three-part series "Is Your Dog a Genius?" airing May 15-17.

"People will learn about and come to a new understanding of their best friends," said host Brian Hare, who helped develop the assessment as an associate professor of evolutionary anthropology and member of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Duke University in North Carolina.

It costs \$19 to get the list of games to play with your dog at <http://www.dognition.com>. After you record the results, Duke puts together your pet's profile. A dog will be dubbed an Ace, Charmer, Socialite, Expert, Renaissance Dog, Protodog, Einstein, Maverick or Stargazer.

For example, "Aces" are problem-solvers, socially elite, bond well and are good at almost everything. They also try to get away with bad behavior and then rely on a sweet face or some nuzzling to get themselves out of a pickle.

"Einstein's" are the brainiacs. They can solve new problems by looking at the facts in front of them, a key attribute of a genius. However, like brilliant people, Einstein dogs can be socially awkward.

The games show dog brainpower isn't measured like man's—with an IQ test.

"We don't deal in numbers," Hare said. "In the animal world, we recognize there are lots of kinds of intelligence, and they vary widely. You can be a genius in one area but not in another."



In one of the games, you put down two overturned paper cups, allowing the dog to watch as you put a treat under one.

You point to the empty cup and see where your pet goes. Both show a kind of genius: If Fido goes to the empty cup, he's good at following orders and bonding. If he goes the other, he's able to rely on his own devices—and gets the treat.

Brozman and her dog will be guests on the show, and she says there's no question 8-year-old Caspin is smart in many ways. His problem-solving skills make him most valuable to Brozman, but she says she doesn't ask the impossible.

JOINT DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

†**Maria Reyes**
Demapan
5th Year Anniversary

†**Raymond Reyes**
Demapan
7th Year Anniversary

We, the family, humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved
†Maria Reyes Demapan & †Raymond Reyes Demapan unto eternal life.

Mass of intentions is being offered nightly at 6:00 pm, San Vicente Church, beginning May 19th to May 27th.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you
The Family

Science & Technology

Facebook debuts Instant Articles

By **ANDREA CHANG**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Facebook has launched Instant Articles, enabling media outlets to publish their stories directly to the social network.

Nine big news publishers, including the New York Times, BuzzFeed and National Geographic, have signed on as launch partners. After months

‘Minecraft’ is most-watched game on YouTube over the last decade

Demand for “Minecraft” videos is huge. It’s the most-searched-for term on YouTube after “music.”

Turns out, the supply is just as vast. YouTube said Wednesday it stocks 42 million videos related to the virtual-world building game “Minecraft,” the most-watched game on YouTube over the last decade based on total viewing time. It’s followed by “Grand Theft Auto” and “League of Legends.”

YouTube announced the statistics as part of its 10th anniversary festivities, making it clear that Amazon.com’s highly successful Twitch.tv video operation isn’t the only game-streaming heavyweight. (Each day, millions of people watch other people play video games on YouTube and Twitch.tv.)

In November, Google-owned

of rumors, Facebook began hosting their news articles on its iPhone app on Wednesday.

“As more people get their news on mobile devices, we want to make the experience faster and richer on Facebook,” product manager Michael Reckhow said.

It’s a bit of an uneasy arrangement, with news outlets handing over some control to

YouTube hired Ryan Wyatt, a popular gaming commentator, as global head of gaming. It’s working to improve live-streaming tools for gamers. And it’s celebrating Wednesday as “Let’s Play Day,” an homage to videos of people playing a game while chatting about their actions.

YouTube said Let’s Play video producer Markiplier has been searched for on YouTube 10 times more often than singer Jay-Z over the past year. He now has 7 million subscribers.

Other highly watched game series include “Call of Duty,” “FIFA,” “The Sims” and “Five Nights at Freddy’s.” Lesser-known titles on the top 10: building game “Garry’s Mod” and puzzle-and-fighting combination “Puzzles & Dragons.”

(Los Angeles Times)

the Menlo Park, Calif., tech giant. In return, the publishers hope to grow their readership and reach by increasing their presence on the world’s biggest social network.

“We’re participating in Instant Articles to explore ways of growing the number of Times users on Facebook, improving their experience of our journalism and deepening their engagement,” said Mark Thompson, chief executive of the New York Times Co.

Facebook maintains that the platform was designed to keep publishers in charge of their content, brand experience and money-making opportunities.

The company said Instant Articles uses the same technology used to display photos and videos quickly in the Facebook app, so articles load instantly, “as much as 10 times faster than the standard mobile web.”

Instant Articles also includes a suite of interactive features. Readers can zoom in and explore high-resolution photos by tilting their phones, watch auto-play videos as they scroll through stories, explore interactive maps, listen to audio captions, and like and comment on individual parts of an article.

Science Matters

Sun’s searing hot crown

The glowing surface of the sun is hot, but the gaseous corona streaming above it is 300 times hotter. A new high-resolution study helps explain that mystery.

- Corona (“crown”):** Plumes of plasma (ionized atoms) flowing into space About 3.5 million °F (2 million °C)
- Chromosphere:** Glowing red layer 7,800°F (4,320°C)
- Photosphere:** Shining layer 300 mi. (500 km) thick 10,000°F (5,500°C)
- Convective zone:** Boiling currents of plasma rise and sink Below 3.5 million °F (2 million °C)
- Radiative zone:** Energy move through gas as gamma and X-rays 13 million °F (7 million °C)
- Core:** Gravity fuses hydrogen atoms into helium, releasing energy 27 million °F (15 million °C)

‘Nanoflares’ blast into the corona

Solar flares are occasional bursts of radiation and charged particles from the sun

Can disrupt electronics and signals on Earth

Power: Equivalent to as much as 160 billion megatons of TNT

‘Nanoflares’ newly found by spectrometer on the EUNIS rocket (left) occur millions of times a second; they apparently heat the corona

Temperature: 18 million °F – much hotter than the corona

Power: Equal to a 10 megaton H-bomb

Source: NASA Heliophysics Science Division, Jim Klimchuk of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

TECH Q&A

What to do about the hassle when emails convert PDF attachments

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I’m part of a group of 80 people who every week receive an email with an Adobe PDF file attachment. But when I receive the email, the PDF has been converted to a Winmail.dat file that my email software can’t read. However, if one of the other 80 people forwards the weekly email to me, I receive the PDF file without any problems. What can I do?—Jeanne Smith, Plymouth, Minn.

A: The problem is in the original email sender’s Microsoft Outlook software, which is sending the email and attached PDF to your group in “Rich Text” format. That format makes it easy to use different type styles and sizes if you use Outlook, but most other email programs can’t read it.

When Outlook sends an email in the Rich Text format, it includes the underlying text commands in an attached Winmail.dat file. But Outlook also puts the PDF attachment inside the Winmail.dat file, where your email software

can’t find it.

You need to explain to the original sender that his or her Outlook setting needs to be changed so that the email and attached PDF are sent to your group as “HTML” (HyperText Markup Language) or “Plain Text” files. The change can be made in Outlook by clicking File, selecting Options and choosing Mail, then making sure either HTML or Plain Text is selected. For details, see tinyurl.com/yh3ufo8.

The members of your group that correctly receive the email and PDF are using either Outlook or another email program that can read Rich Text format. But when another member of the group forwards the email and PDF to you, they are sending it as HTML or Plain Text that your email software can read.

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IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

† Augustin Tudela Castro

Better known as “Gus/Ting”
Born on August 02, 1959 and was called to join his Creator on May 07, 2015

In his new life he now joins his:

Maternal Grandparents: †Augustin Sablan Tudela
†Elena Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero Tudela

Paternal Grandparents: †Felix Manibusan Castro
†Maria Aquiningoc Terlaje Castro

Parents: †Manuel Terlaje Castro
†Natividad Deleon Guerrero Tudela Castro

Son: †Jesus Manuel Ngirchechol Castro

Augustin’s love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of his:

Spouse: Liqing Luo Castro
Children: †Jesus Manuel N. Castro (Vijae Scott V. Castro),
Augustin Jr. N. Castro/Shanise G. Villagomez (Zyler & Aulexise),
Elsa Lynn N. Castro/Paul James C. Pangelinan,
Jean N. Castro/Jeffrey Reyes (Magaret Reyes and Jeffrey Jr. Reyes),
Dorina N. Castro/Brian Camacho (Jesus Vinx, Trenton Jay)
Brandkief N. Castro, and Byron N. Castro

Step Mother: Musinda M. Castro
Brothers & Sisters: Felix T. Castro/Ludevina Castro (Dexter & Yuka Castro [Miria & Destin]),
Jennifer & Antonio Agulto (Alton Diego & Ashton), Felixberto Castro & Velma Aquino (Felix Jr.),
Ludelynn Castro, Queenielyn Castro
Juan T. Cruz/Tricia Camacho (John Trevor Cruz, Alison P. Cruz, Benny John P. Cruz, Jaydoria P. Cruz,
Julius P. Cruz)
Maria Elena C. “Helen”/Jesus H. Sablan (Joey & Sarinee Sablan, Jay C. Sablan & Erica Santos
(Jeslena, Jay Jr., Toricah, Kaylanie, CJ), Christine Sablan [Marlenie Mitsuko], and Jesse C. Sablan.
Manuel Jr. M. Castro
Mathew M. Castro
Megan Mae M. Castro

He is additionally survived by his numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated every 6:00pm at San Vicente Church, followed by the Holy Rosary at 6:30pm.

On May 18, 2015 at 7:30 a.m., our beloved will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral Church in Chalan Kanoa. Mass Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30am followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery, where we will bid his farewell and a peaceful rest.

**Un Dungkulu na Si Yu’us Ma’ase, and Thank You
The Family**

Life & Style

Kill badgers, save the fish: Prince Charles' secret letters

LONDON (AP)—The Patagonian Toothfish has a friend in the future king of England—that's one lesson from the British government's release Wednesday of previously secret letters written by Prince Charles to government officials.

The cache of 27 letters was the subject of a lengthy legal battle that pitted Charles' right to privacy against the public's right to know. The British press dubbed them the "black spider" memos, due to Charles' cramped handwritten greetings and closings, and the British government spent years in court and hundreds of thousands of pounds (dollars) trying to keep them secret.

The letters, written a decade ago, include 10 written by Charles personally to former Prime Minister Tony Blair and

other top officials in his Labour Party government. The sometimes quirky prince, known for his commitment to organic farming and traditional architecture, freely expresses himself on matters like badger culling, fish protection, the readiness of the Armed Forces, standards for alternative medicines and the preservation of historic buildings.

The letter-writing is controversial because as Britain's future king, Charles is expected to remain neutral on political matters. Some could see the letters as inappropriate lobbying of the government by the heir to the throne—especially since the prince does mention sensitive topics dealing with national security matters, including the war in Iraq.

The tone of his letters is polite and sometimes apologetic.

Charles does not demand action—but that doesn't mean British ministers felt they could ignore his myriad concerns.

A 2004 missive to the British fisheries minister is typical.

"I particularly hope that the illegal fishing of the Patagonian Toothfish will be high on your list of priorities because until that trade is stopped, there is little hope for the poor old albatross, for which I shall continue to campaign," Charles writes.

In one letter to Blair on Sept. 8, 2004, Charles—a military veteran—raises concerns about the British Armed Forces not getting enough resources. He mentions delays in delivering military aircraft due to budgetary pressures.

"I fear that this is just one more example of where our Armed Forces are being asked

to do an extremely challenging job (particularly in Iraq) without the necessary resources," Charles wrote.

Funding levels for the military is a hot political topic for any country's government.

Charles also wrote to Blair in February 2005 with advice on how to build public support for taking steps to combat climate change—another sensitive issue with political overtones.

On the issue of killing badgers to fight the transmission of bovine tuberculosis, Charles broke ranks with many environmentalists, including Queen guitarist Brian May, urging Blair that a "proper cull" of the badgers was needed.

"I, for one, cannot understand how the 'badger lobby' seem to mind not at all about the slaughter of thousands of expensive cattle,

and yet object to a managed cull of an over-population of badgers—to me, this is intellectually dishonest," the prince wrote.

Charles also wrote Blair to complain about the negative impact of European Union efforts to restrict the practitioners of herbal medicine.

The British government tried for years to keep the letters secret but eventually lost a Freedom of Information case brought by The Guardian newspaper. The government has indicated it may tighten the rules to protect future royal communications from being released under that act.

Lucian Freud painting sells for \$56.2 million at auction



In this May 1, 2015 file photo, a visitor looks at Andy Warhol's silk-screen "Colored Mona Lisa," during Christie's Spring 2015 Evening Sale press preview in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—In the past three days, Christie's in New York City has sold over \$1 billion worth of art, a frenzied spectacle that showcases the world's rising class of uber-wealthy and its appetite for trophy art.

Wednesday's bidding was spirited at Christie's contemporary art auction highlighted by iconic works by Lucian Freud, Francis Bacon and others.

The evening sale featured Freud's "Benefits Supervisor Resting," which is considered one of the British artist's most celebrated works. It depicts the ample figure of a reclining woman, every fold, curve and blemish of her naked form revealed. It sold for \$56.2 million, including buyer's premium.

Another painting from the series, "Benefits Supervisor Sleeping," brought \$33.6 million at Christie's in 2008. At the time, it was the most expensive painting by a living artist sold at auction. Freud died in 2011.

Another painting of a nude, this one by Bacon, sold for \$47.8 million. "Portrait of Henrietta Moraes" depicts a seductive nude of the artist's close friend and model reclining on a

mattress. It has been in the same private collection for nearly 30 years. It was created in 1963, the same year of the artist's retrospective at London's Tate Gallery and Bacon's first major American exhibition at New York's Guggenheim Museum.

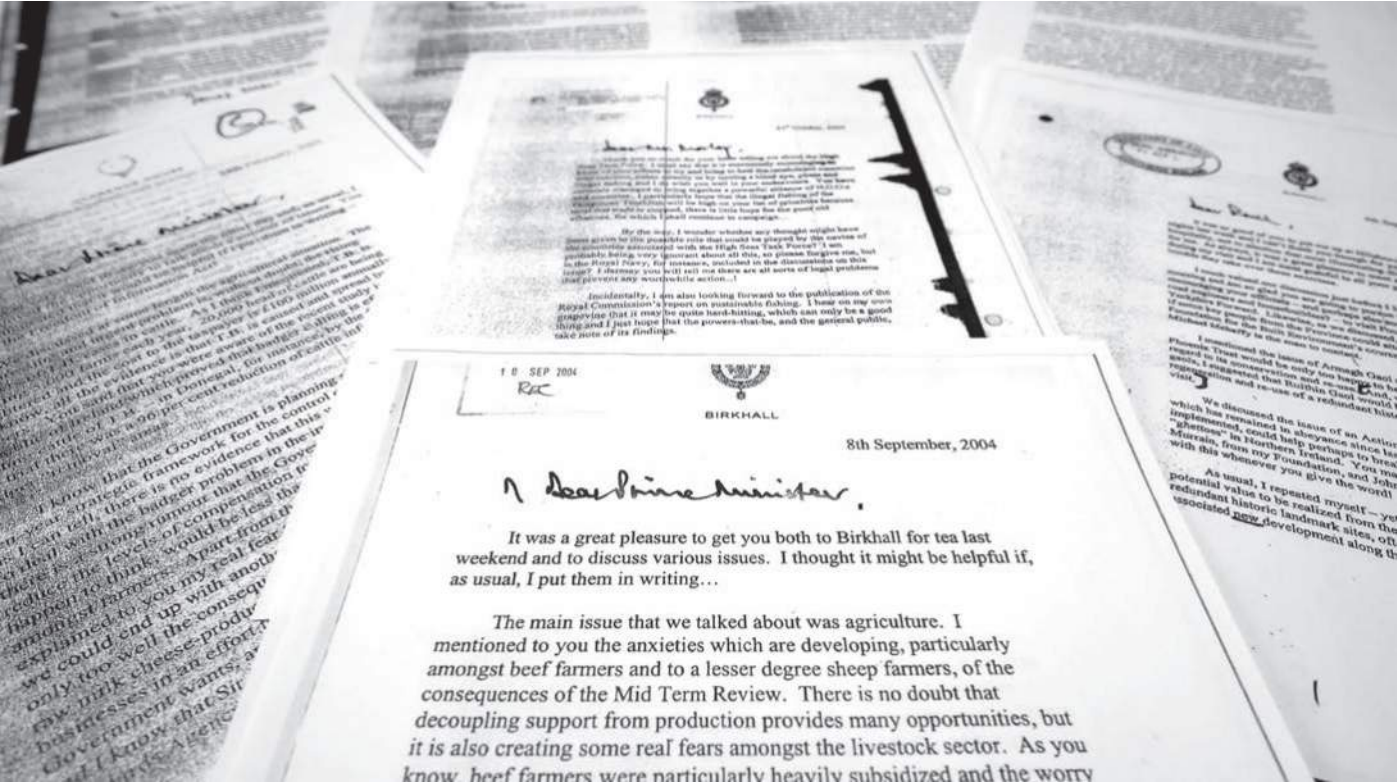
Cy Twombly's "Untitled," an abstract work created in 1969 with oil-based house paint, wax crayon and lead pencil, sold for \$42.7 million. An untitled work from 1970 last year set a record for the artist when it sold for \$69.6 million at Christie's.

Another work that created excitement was Andy Warhol's 1963 large-scale silkscreen, "Colored Mona Lisa." Exhibited in many major exhibitions, it also sold for \$56.2 million.

Works by Willem de Kooning, Martin Kippenberger, Franz Kline and Jean-Michel Basquiat and others also were up for sale.

Wednesday's auction netted over \$658 million, Christie's said.

At Christie's on Monday, a vibrant, multi-hued painting from Pablo Picasso set a world record for artwork at auction, selling for \$179.4 million, and a sculpture by Alberto Giacometti set a record for most expensive sculpture, at \$141.3 million.



A copy of the letter that Prince Charles The Prince of Wales wrote to the then Prime Minister Tony Blair, front center, dated Sept. 8, 2004, one of a series of his private letters to government ministers that have been released Wednesday May 13, 2015, by the government following a lengthy legal battle.

Australia to Depp: Fly your dogs out or we'll put them down

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australian quarantine authorities have ordered Johnny Depp to fly his dogs Pistol and Boo out of the country by Saturday or they will be put down.

Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce on Thursday accused Depp of smuggling the Yorkshire terriers aboard his private jet when he returned to Australia on April 21 to resume filming of the 5th installment in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie series at Gold Coast studios.

The Agriculture Department on Wednesday gave Depp, 51, and his 29-year-old wife Amber Heard a 72-hour notice to send their pets back to the United States.

"If you start letting movie stars—even though they've been the sexiest man alive twice—to come into our nation

(with pets), then why don't we just break laws for everybody?" Joyce said.

"It's time that Pistol and Boo bugged off back to the United States," he added.

Australia has strict quarantine regulations to prevent diseases such as rabies spreading to its shores. Bringing pets to Australia involves applying for a permit and a quarantine period on arrival of at least 10 days.

The department discovered that Depp had "snuck them in" after reports that a handler had taken the terriers in a handbag to a Gold Coast dog groomer on Saturday, Joyce said. A biosecurity officer found the dogs at a Gold Coast house on Wednesday,

the department said.

"Now Mr. Depp has to either take his dogs back to California or we're going to have to euthanize them," Joyce said.

Depp's spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Joyce's spokesman Brett Chant said the dogs were in "home quarantine," but would not say where.

The filming of "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" was disrupted in March when Depp, who plays the pirate captain Jack Sparrow, cut his hand on a glass door. He brought the dogs on his return flight from the U.S., where he underwent surgery to his hand.

Chant said no decision has been made on whether further

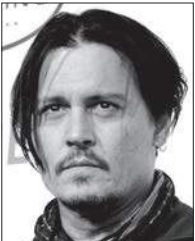
action will be taken against Depp for breaching quarantine regulations.

The department was investigating how the pets were brought through Brisbane Airport without an import permit.

The opposition Labor Party questioned in Parliament whether the government was to blame for the biosecurity breakdown because it had cut the department's quarantine funding. Opposition agriculture spokesman Joel Fitzgibbon accused Joyce of "bashing up on poor old Boo Boo and Pistol and, indeed, Johnny Depp."

Joyce said the Agriculture Department would be responsible for putting the dogs down if they do not leave Australia.

"After that, I don't expect to be invited to the opening of Pirates of the Caribbean," he said.



Depp

'American Idol' crowns 14th season champion

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nick Fradiani is the latest winner of "American Idol."

The 29-year-old rocker of Guilford, Connecticut, bested soulful 22-year-old vocalist Clark Beckham of White House, Tennessee, to win the 14th edition of the Fox talent competition.

"This is amazing," he told "Idol" host Ryan Seacrest. "This is the best day of my life."

Fradiani joins such champions as Carrie Underwood, Kelly Clarkson, Phillip Phillips and Kris Allen, as well one more winner to be determined next year. Fox announced earlier this week that the next season would be the last for "Idol."



AP
Ryan Seacrest, left, announces Nick Fradiani the winner at the American Idol XIV finale at the Dolby Theatre on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in Los Angeles.

Donald and Steven Tyler for performances, as well as judges Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr.

The once-blockbuster singing contest, which hit a peak of 30.3

million viewers in 2005, is now averaging 9.15 million viewers per episode, according to the Nielsen company.

Lopez, Urban and Connick Jr. are due back at the judges' table for next year's 15th and final "Idol" outing. Beckham had a few words of advice for those looking to become the last-ever "Idol."

"You have to be good at lot of different things," he said. "It's not just singing a song."

Police: Rapper 50 Cent not a suspect in Vegas robbery case



50 Cent

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Rap musician 50 Cent is not a suspect in an investigation of a

Los Angeles man's complaint that he was attacked and robbed of jewelry in Las Vegas, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

Las Vegas police haven't positively identified a suspect in the alleged May 2 robbery at or

near boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s gym a few blocks west of the Las Vegas Strip, Officer Larry Hadfield said.

But the rapper, whose legal name is Curtis James Jackson III, has been ruled out, Hadfield said.

The investigation remained open, and Hadfield said a police report would not be made public unless charges are filed.

The musician's attorney, Scott Leemon, said he was upset by what he termed irresponsible and defamatory media reports linking his client to a robbery complaint.

"We appreciate the fact that the police have publicly stated 50 had nothing to do with these allegations," Leemon said.

Leemon on Tuesday denied his client or his security guards were involved.

Celebrity website TMZ reported that LAX Jewelry Co. owner Robert Marin said he showed the rapper a diamond watch and chain valued at some \$250,000 at a Strip nightclub hours before he was pistol-whipped and robbed by two of the rapper's associates.

The alleged attack occurred the morning before Mayweather defeated Manny Pacquiao in a championship boxing match at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Marin didn't immediately respond to telephone messages to his business by The Associated Press.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Blog site Tumblr launches anti-bullying support campaign

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Banks, singer Jordin Sparks and Vice President Joe Biden are among those helping Tumblr establish a safe place from bullies online. The celebrities will appear in videos on the blogging website to launch its new #PostItForward campaign Wednesday, which organizers say is aimed at building a virtual community where it's safe to discuss personal issues such as sexuality, mental health or self-esteem. "Bullying, coming out, being depressed: for our users, they're really intertwined," said Liba Rubenstein, Tumblr's director of outreach, causes, politics and advocacy. "We wanted to create a place that acknowledges that whole experience." She said the story of transgender teen Leelah Alcorn, who programmed her Tumblr page to post her suicide note, is among many heartbreaking experiences shared on Tumblr. Rubenstein said the new blog will aggregate such stories and highlight users' positive experiences with social media. "We hope to change the conversation in society about the role online communities play in some of these issues," she said.

Soprano Sarah Brightman puts off her space flight

MOSCOW (AP) — A company helping British soprano Sarah Brightman prepare a flight to the International Space Station says she has put off the mission. Space Adventures said in a statement Wednesday that the 54-year-old singer announced that "for personal family reasons her intentions have had to change and she is postponing her cosmonaut training and flight plans at this time." Brightman, who was to blast off to the station in a Russian Soyuz rocket on Sept. 1, said in March that she is working with composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, her ex-husband, to create a song she will sing in space. Brightman's decision followed last month's launch failure of an unmanned Russian cargo spaceship, which was caused by a leak of propellant tanks in the Soyuz rocket carrying it into orbit.

Before he was revealed as the winner on Wednesday, Fradiani dueted with singer-songwriter Andy Grammer.

"I can't even think right now," Fradiani said after Seacrest informed him that he received the most viewer votes—without revealing the exact number cast.

Fradiani's win came on the strength of his renditions Tuesday of Matchbox 20's "Bright Lights," Jason Mraz's "I Won't

Give Up" and "Beautiful Life," intended as his first single. Beckham sang Ray Charles' "Georgia on My Mind," Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine" and "Champion."

The two-hour extravaganza kicked off with Fradiani and Beckham joining Fall Out Boy on their song "Centuries."

The series' penultimate finale also resurrected Chic, Ricky Martin, NKOTB, Michael Mc-

Rare Burmese ruby sells for \$30.3 million at auction

GENEVA (AP)—A rare Burmese ruby in a platinum ring with diamonds sold for \$30.3 million at auction, setting a world auction record for any ruby and for any stone by Cartier, according to Sotheby's.

The buyer and history of the piece, with the ruby weighing in at 25.59 carats, was not disclosed. It was auctioned Tuesday as part of the annual Magnificent and Noble Jewels sale by Sotheby's Geneva.

The price of the cushion-shaped "Sunrise Ruby" had been estimated prior to the sale at \$12 million to \$18 million. It is known for its "pigeon blood" red color and set between heptagon-shaped diamonds weighing 2.47 and 2.70 carats. The piece is signed Cartier.

The auction house called a natural ruby from Burma of this size and color extremely rare. The ring broke an auction record for any ruby per carat.

In all, the sale totaled \$160.9

million and included three other centerpieces from Cartier. A pink diamond ring once owned by Princess Mathilde Bonaparte, the niece of Napoleon I, sold for \$15.9 million.



AP
This May 6, 2015 file photo shows a Sotheby's employee wearing a ruby and diamond ring by Cartier, with a Burmese ruby weighing 25.59 carats, during a preview at the Sotheby's auction house in Geneva, Switzerland.

Husband can't stop singing praises of bone marrow donor

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 28 years had a bone marrow transplant, and six months ago he learned who his donor was. He now wants to meet up with the person. Turns out, it was a woman.

I'm not usually a jealous person, but it's all he ever talks about every single minute of the day. He wants to meet her two hours from where we live. I am fine with it, but I'm tired of hearing how "great" she is. What can I do to keep the peace in my house?

WIFE OF A TRANSPLANT

DEAR WIFE: Because of your husband's donor, you are a wife and not a widow. A step in the right direction would be to regard her as the person who saved your husband's life at a point when you could have lost him.

Of course he thinks she is "great." Not everyone is willing to be tested to see if it's possible to BE a bone marrow donor. I think she is great, too.

Please calm down. With the passage of time, your husband will not feel the need to speak about her as often.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend booked a cruise with his ex-wife to celebrate their son's eighth birthday. They plan to share the same

cabin. He has mentioned at least twice in the past that she wants him back, but now he denies having said it.

I didn't expect him to pay for my ticket (I can afford it), but an invite would have been nice. I have included him in my children's celebrations and have stood by him through difficult times. I have yet to meet the ex, so there's no animosity between us.

When I suggested separate cabins would be appropriate and affordable considering they had booked a suite, and two regular cabins are about half the price, he flat-out told me I'm not invited. He says this isn't about "us" but about his son, whom I get along with.

I love this man and feel this isn't just about trust, although he has been less than truthful lately. I don't want to have to wonder what happened in that cabin when their son was asleep or at the kids' club or when they had a bit too much to drink.

Am I unreasonable in thinking sharing such close quarters with an ex is inappropriate? Should I jump ship from this relationship? He clearly could care less about my feelings.

WAITING AT THE DOCK

DEAR WAITING: When parents separate, most children hope and pray they will find a way to get back together. If your

DEAR ABBY

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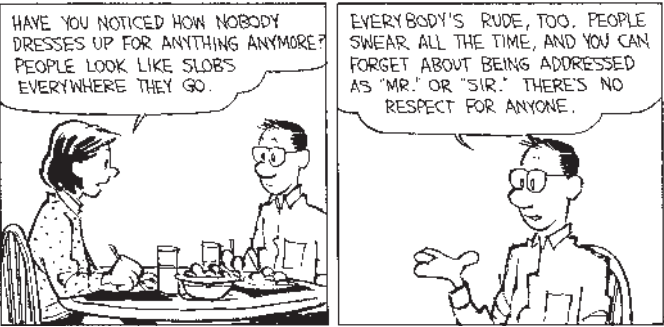
boyfriend and his ex are sure that isn't going to happen, then it really isn't right to bunk together and get their son's hopes up only to be disappointed when the ship returns to shore.

That this man acts like your feelings are irrelevant and isn't always truthful are huge red flags and do not bode well for your future if you continue with him. I don't know how much time you have invested, but if more of the same is what's in store, you'd be better off to cut your losses and bail.

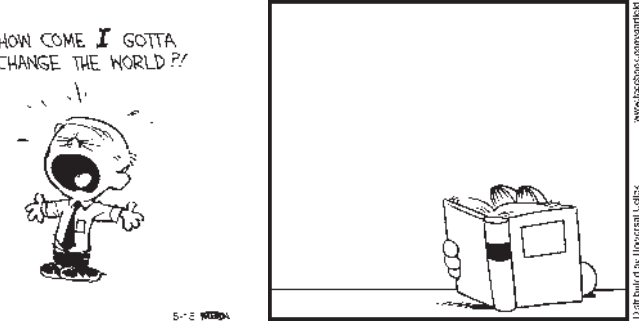
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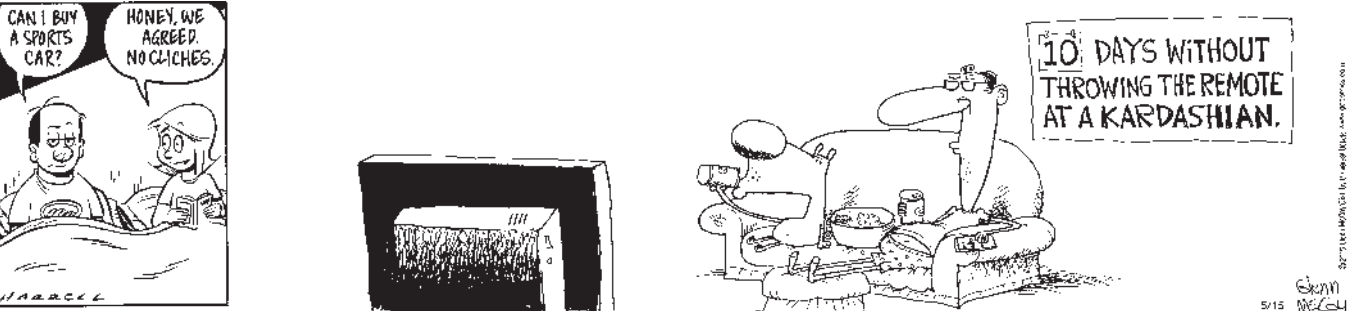
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1 Brahman-ist

6 Upper limit

9 Mailing abbr.

12 Had a home-cooked meal

13 Barn bird

14 Seine matter

15 Acted grand-motherly

16 Rifle attachment

18 Short and thick

20 Fork option

21 Flightless bird

23 Wet wiggler

24 Liberace's prop

25 Croupier's tool

27 Crystal-lined rock

29 To-do list

31 Film festival city

35 "Sinkers"

DOWN

1 Possessed

2 "Am — blame?"

3 Obi ornament

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5 Ill-deserved

6 Repair, as shoes

7 Vacation-ing

8 Thick-ness

9 Colum-bus' home

10 Song of joy

11 Top East

19 Started

21 Mound stat

22 Periodi-cal, for short

24 Black-Berry, e.g.

26 Conclu-sion

28 Square dance group

30 Buck's mate

32 "House of Cards" provider

33 Listener

34 Firma-ment

36 All together

38 Hypno-tized

39 Bellini opera

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42 Pizzazz

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48 Promptly

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51 Embar-rassed

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-15

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jamie-Lynn Sigler, 34; David Krumholtz, 37; David Charvet, 43; Chazz Palminteri, 63.

Happy Birthday: Look beyond the surface. Let your intuition guide you to making the right choices and avoiding getting involved in situations that are a waste of time. Put your heart and soul into your own accomplishments and learn from past mistakes. Stubbornness will not help you get what you want, but it will slow you down. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 5, 12, 19, 24, 36, 41, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel, physical activities and taking part in a learning process will help ease anxiety and get you on track. Negotiate contracts and set up interviews and you will bring about positive change. Networking will lead to an interesting opportunity. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Follow through with what you say you will do. You can't reach your goals if you don't participate in your own projects. Focus on what you are good at and use your skills to improve your position, security and future prospects. Love is in the stars. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make headway if you pick and choose your projects carefully. Working from home will help you avoid interference. Your personal life will take a positive turn if you discuss your thoughts and plans with someone you love. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your emotions take over. Try not to share your intentions until you are sure you are

doing the right thing and have some proof that what you are doing can be successful. Update your appearance. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take control at any function or event you attend and you will gain popularity. Your ability to initiate new projects and set an example for others will be an asset and attract positive interest in what you are trying to accomplish. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make changes that will affect your financial situation. A residential move or an investment will pay off. Consider ways to cut your overhead and bring in more cash. Romance will enhance your home and personal life. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't think about change; make it happen. Take charge by making the first move. Your ideas are good, but don't forget the importance of following through. Actions speak louder than words. Bring about positive change and keep moving. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make creative changes at home based on information or philosophies that have recently intrigued you. Love and romance are on the rise, and spending time with someone special will spark your imagination. Realism and honesty will help you prevent overspending. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel, excitement and adventure will entice you. Making changes to the way you do things, where you live or the people you interact with will give you a whole new perspective regarding your life and where you

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see yourself heading. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a back seat and be observant. Watching how others react to situations as they unfold instead of being the instigator will help you decipher the best move. Don't let emotions cloud your vision. **

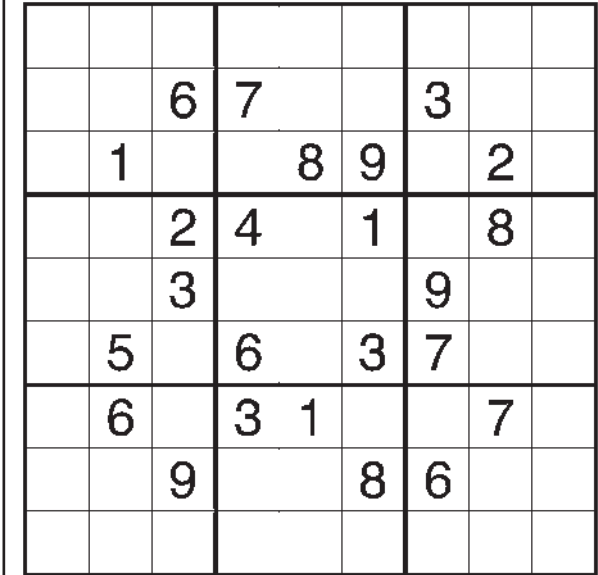
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Set your sights high and don't back down. Develop your ideas and organize a space at home that is conducive to achieving your goals. Discuss your plans with the people who will be affected by the choices you make. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let other people's demands stand between you and your achievements. Concentrate on making personal changes that will alter your surroundings or the way you present who you are and what you have to offer. Romance will enhance your life. ***

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Horford's late follow gives Hawks 82-81 win over Wizards



ATLANTA (AP)—With their magical season on the brink, the Atlanta Hawks needed someone to come up big.

Al Horford wasn't supposed to be the guy.

He would not be denied.

The Hawks center swooped in to snatch an offensive rebound and dropped in a shot from right under the basket with 1.9 seconds remaining, giving top-seeded Atlanta an 82-81 victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"I wasn't supposed to be involved in the play at all," Horford said. "When I saw the ball go up, I just ran in there."

In a game of back-and-forth runs, the Hawks went more than 7 minutes in the fourth quarter without making a basket, then ripped off 14 straight points to take the lead. Atlanta went cold again, and it looked as though Paul Pierce had doomed Atlanta for the second time in the series. Having already made a buzzer-beating winner in Game 3, he got open in the corner and swished a 3-pointer with 8.3 seconds left, putting the Wizards up 81-80.

Pierce taunted the Hawks bench and home crowd on his way back down the court before bowling over John Wall, who was playing for the first time since Game 1 after fracturing several bones in his left hand.

Wall didn't mind, throwing up his hands in celebration. The Wizards were on the verge of heading home with a chance to wrap up the series.

Atlanta had one more chance.

The Hawks gave the ball to backup point guard Dennis Schroder, who ignited a fourth-quarter rally and stayed in the game at the suggestion of All-Star Jeff Teague, who watched the closing minutes from the bench.

Schroder drove down the lane and put up a shot, which was swatted off the backboard by Wall. But Horford yanked the ball away from Nene, who tumbled to the court, leaving the Hawks center all alone under the basket. Horford, who had 23 points and 11 rebounds, put it the easy shot on a night

when both teams struggled offensively.

"A heck of a play by Al," Atlanta coach Mike Budenholzer said.

The Wizards threw up a wild shot from halfcourt that didn't come close as the horn sounded. The sellout crowd nearly stormed the court, held back by security while the Hawks celebrated. Horford screamed and pumped his fists, having put the Hawks one victory away from advancing to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since the team moved to Atlanta from St. Louis in 1968.

About 10 minutes after the Wizards lost, there was more heartbreak for D.C. sports fans. The Capitals were eliminated from the NHL playoffs with a Game 7 overtime loss to the New York Rangers.

At least the Wizards still have a chance. Game 6 is Friday night in Washington.

"Hey, these guys are fighting. I love it," Washington coach Randy Wittman said. "They made one more play than us."

Wall's return was the major storyline before the game. The Wizards star fractured several bones in his left hand in the series opener and missed the next three games. He was announced as the starter about 20 minutes before tipoff and wound up with 15 points, seven assists and four steals.

Bradley Beal led the Wizards with 23 points.

Kyle Korver had a tough night for Atlanta, making only one basket. It was a huge one, however—a 3-pointer with 4:58 remaining for Atlanta's first basket of the fourth quarter. Horford followed with another 3 from the corner, and the Hawks were right back in the game.

At the end, he wound up with the ball a lot closer to the basket.

"We're happy," Horford said, "but we understand it's one game."

Warriors 98, Grizzlies 78

In Oakland, Calif., down and out just days earlier, the Golden State Warriors suddenly look alive and well again.

Stephen Curry turned in an MVP-worthy performance, Klay Thompson snapped out of his shooting funk and

flation of footballs below the league-mandated minimum for the AFC championship game.

His agent, Don Yee, said shortly after the suspension was announced that the appeal would be filed. The New England Patriots have not said if they'll appeal their penalty - a \$1 million fine and the loss of a first-round draft pick next year and a fourth-rounder in 2017.



Atlanta Hawks' Al Horford hits a putback layup in the final seconds of Game 5 of the second round of the NBA basketball playoffs to beat the Washington Wizards 82-81 Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in Atlanta.

the Warriors rolled past the Memphis Grizzlies 98-78 on Wednesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

"It's like wine," Warriors forward Draymond Green said about learning how to stop Memphis. "It gets better with time."

The Warriors turned up the league's top-rated defense and finally found their rhythm from long range.

Curry scored 18 points on six 3-pointers and added a career-playoff high six steals to go with seven rebounds and five assists. Thompson scored

21 points, and Harrison Barnes had 14 as the Warriors won their second straight game in impressive fashion.

Golden State can close out the Grizzlies in Game 6 on Friday night in Memphis.

"I think I said the first couple games, 'Our defense was good enough, but it wasn't championship defense,'" Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "I was wrong. This is what it's going to take."

With defensive stopper Tony Allen sidelined with a left hamstring injury, the Grizzlies struggled to contain Golden State's streaky shoot-

ers. The Warriors made 14 of 30 shots from 3-point range, while Memphis made just four of 15 from long distance.

Marc Gasol had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Zach Randolph had 13 points and 10 boards for a Grizzlies team suddenly on the brink of elimination. It was Memphis' lowest point total in these playoffs.

"Everybody's saying we couldn't score because Tony Allen's on the floor. We put up 78 without him," Grizzlies coach Dave Joergers said.

Since going down 2-1 in the series, the top-seeded

Warriors have rediscovered their regular-season form—swarming defense, pace-and-space offense and lots of long-range swishes.

And for the second time in three nights, Memphis had no answer for them.

"They're moving the ball. They're getting a lot more penetration. Everybody," said Grizzlies guard Mike Conley, who scored 13 points wearing a mask over his still-healing face. "When you do that, it's always tough to stop."

The Grizzlies had hoped to find an offensive rhythm to match Golden State's scoring punch. Instead, Jeff Green and veteran Vince Carter struggled to supply the same energy and intensity on defense as Allen, who wore a suit on the bench and often waved instructions to his teammates.

Curry carried the Warriors back from an early 13-point deficit, connecting on four 3-pointers to give Golden State a 26-25 lead at the end of the first quarter. He motioned his hands wildly to the roaring, golden-yellow-shirt-wearing sellout crowd following the fourth make just before the buzzer, showing as much emotion as he ever has at home.

"You feel the energy of the crowd," Curry said. "It was a cool moment."

Added Kerr: "It was a miracle we had the lead after the first quarter."

The Warriors never gave it back, either.

Barnes helped build the momentum with several big plays in the second quarter, and Curry came back with another from long distance to put Golden State up 49-41 at the half.

The Warriors wore down the short-handed Grizzlies following the break with a fast-paced tempo that never relented.

They led 74-57 through three quarters and went ahead by 24 points early in the fourth on Thompson's four-point play, turning the game into the type of home wipeout that became routine in the regular season, when they rolled to a franchise-record 67 wins.

"That's our brand of basketball," Green said. "We got a couple of stops and all of a sudden the game started changing. It's tough for anybody to keep up with us in transition, but that has to start on the defensive end."

Deadline looms for Brady's appeal of 4-game suspension



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Tom Brady's challenge to his four-game suspension by the NFL is set to begin.

The star quarterback of the defending Super Bowl champions is expected to appeal by the deadline of 5 p.m. Thursday. The suspension was issued Monday for his part in the de-

flation of footballs below the league-mandated minimum for the AFC championship game.

His agent, Don Yee, said shortly after the suspension was announced that the appeal would be filed. The New England Patriots have not said if they'll appeal their penalty - a \$1 million fine and the loss of a first-round draft pick next year and a fourth-rounder in 2017.

Yee has criticized the suspension that was based on a 243-page report of an investigation headed by NFL-appointed Ted Wells. On Tuesday, Wells was critical of Yee in a conference call with reporters.

That report issued April 29 said that it was "more probable than not" that Brady "was at least generally aware" of plans by two team employees

to prepare the balls to his liking. They inflated the balls below the league minimum of 12.5 pounds per square inch.

It also said Brady and the team were not fully cooperative with the investigation, which contributed to the penalties.

The NFL will go against an experienced foe in labor lawyer Jeffrey Kessler. He has won other appeals against the league

and is helping Brady.

On the other side would be NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell or a person he designates. That person would be chosen in consultation with NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith.

Brady's appeal only deals with the suspension and must be heard within 10 days.

If it is upheld, he would miss the first four games. The Patriots open the NFL season

at home against Pittsburgh on Sept. 10, then travel to Buffalo before a home game against Jacksonville. After a bye week, their fourth game will be in Dallas.

Brady would be eligible to return for the fifth game on Oct. 18 at Indianapolis. The probe began after the Colts complained that Brady used deflated footballs in their 45-7 loss to the Patriots in the AFC title game.

Kluber strikes out 18 as Indians top Cardinals, 2-0



CLEVELAND (AP) — Corey

Kluber struck out 18 and allowed his only hit in the seventh inning, getting his first win this season in style, and the Cleveland Indians beat the St. Louis Cardinals 2-0 on Wednesday night.

The reigning AL Cy Young winner didn't yield a hit until Jhonny Peralta grounded a clean single to center with two outs in the seventh. A small crowd of 12,313 on a crisp night at Progressive Field gave Kluber (1-5) a warm ovation and he finished the inning by striking out Jason Heyward.

Kluber's 18 strikeouts tied the club record for a nine-inning game held by Hall of Famer Bob Feller (1938.) It's also the most strikeouts by an AL pitcher since Roger Clemens in 1998.

Kluber didn't walk a batter and had a chance to break the major league mark of 20 strikeouts shared by Clemens and Kerry Wood. But he was pulled before the ninth after 113 pitches for closer Cody Allen, who got his fifth save.

Marlins 5, Dodgers 4

In Los Angeles, Dee Gordon had four hits against his former team, Giancarlo Stanton had a decisive two-run single in the seventh and the maligned Miami bullpen finished the win over Los Angeles.

Gordon, who was traded from

the Dodgers to the Marlins in December, had two doubles and scored twice for his first hits and runs against the team that drafted him in the fourth round in 2008.

Rangers 5, Royals 2

In Arlington, Texas, Prince Fielder homered and had three hits, Shin-Soo Choo hit a lead-off home run for the second straight game and Texas beat Kansas City.

Choo pulled a 98 mph fastball from Yordano Ventura into the right-field seats, and Fielder gave the Rangers a 4-0 lead with a two-run homer in the second inning.

Texas rookie Delino DeShields had three hits, including his first triple, and scored twice.

Rays 3, Yankees 2

In St Petersburg, Fla., Asdrubal Cabrera got his 1,000th hit during a two-run second inning and Tampa Bay rebounded again from an early deficit to beat New York.

Tampa Bay went up 3-2 in the second when Cabrera drove in a run on a double off Adam Warren (2-2) and scored on Joey Butler's single.

Angels 2, Rockies 1, 11 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Mike Trout made two spectacular defensive plays in extra innings, Albert Pujols hit a game-ending sacrifice fly in the 11th, and Los Angeles

sent Colorado Rockies to its 11th consecutive loss.

Pujols' bases-loaded fly to left easily scored pinch-runner Taylor Featherston for the Angels, who climbed back to .500 (17-17) with their sixth win in eight games to close a nine-game homestand.

Cubs 2, Mets 1

In Chicago, Chris Coghlan drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Chicago a victory over New York.

The Cubs, who have won three straight, scored twice in the final two innings after being shut out for seven innings by Mets ace Matt Harvey.

Harvey allowed only three hits and struck out nine. Harvey blended a blistering fastball with a heavy dose of off-speed pitches.

Astros 4, Giants 3

In Houston, George Springer hit a tie-breaking solo homer in the eighth and Houston rallied past San Francisco.

Springer had come off the seven-day concussion disabled list prior to the game. He sent Jeremy Affeldt's (0-2) pitch over the yellow line in left-center. It was his lone hit and broke a 0 for 10 slump.

Nationals 9, Diamondbacks 6

In Phoenix, Michael Taylor hit his first career grand slam in the

ninth after Bryce Harper was ejected two innings earlier, lifting Washington to the win.

Taylor entered the game in the seventh after Harper and Nationals manager Matt Williams were ejected for arguing a check swing call.

Arizona took a 6-5 lead on pinch hitter Yasmany Tomas' run-scoring single in the eighth off Aaron Barrett (2-2), but the Nationals loaded the bases in the ninth against Addison Reed (0-2). In his first career at-bat with the bases loaded, Taylor sent the ball over the yellow line in center for his first slam.

Red Sox 2, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., Wade Miley dueled with Oakland ace Sonny Gray and worked out of jams all game to end a three-start skid and Boston took two of three in the series.

Facing the A's for the first time in his five-year career, Miley (2-4) allowed the leadoff batter to reach in four of his first six innings. The left-hander won for the first time since April 21 at Tampa Bay, allowing four walks and five hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Phillies 3, Pirates 2

In Philadelphia, Cole Hamels struck out nine over seven strong innings, Jeff Francoeur threw out the potential tying run at the plate to end the game and Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh.

Helped by Francoeur's throw,

Jonathan Papelbon surpassed Jose Mesa to become the Phillies' all-time saves leader with 113 after finishing for his seventh save in as many tries. Papelbon also is Boston's franchise leader with 219 saves.

Reds 5, Braves 1

In Cincinnati, rookie Raisel Iglesias pitched eight innings of two-hit baseball in his second career start and Todd Frazier connected for his 12th home run of the season, leading Cincinnati.

Marlon Byrd added a solo homer, his seventh of the season and fifth in his last 10 games. The Reds won the rubber match of the three-game series and seven-game season series between the teams.

The Braves have lost five of their last six.

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 1

In Baltimore, Miguel Gonzalez scattered three singles and allowed just one unearned run while pitching into the eighth inning, and Baltimore beat Toronto.

Alejandro De Aza reached base four times for the Orioles on a single, double, hit by pitch and a walk. Rookie Rey Navarro got his first career home run with a solo shot to lead off the eighth.

Twins 6, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Torii Hunter homered and Joe Mauer hit a bases-loaded triple, leading Minnesota past Detroit.

Ricky Nolasco (3-1) allowed two unearned runs in 5 1-3 in-

nings for the win. Nolasco came in with a 9.00 ERA, but gave up only four hits and three walks while striking out seven.

Kyle Lobstein (3-3) allowed six runs and seven hits and a walk while only recording seven outs.

Padres 4, Mariners 2

In Seattle, James Shields became the first San Diego pitcher since 2007 to start the season 5-0, Will Middlebrooks homered for the first time in nearly a month, and the Padres ended Seattle's four-game win streak.

Middlebrooks' solo homer leading off the third inning was his fourth of the season and first since April 19. Cory Spangenberg added a sacrifice fly in the third and Abraham Almonte had an RBI single in the seventh as the Padres split the brief two-game series.

White Sox 4, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Jose Quintana struck out 10 in seven solid innings, and Avisail Garcia and Adam LaRoche hit back-to-back home runs in the first inning to lead Chicago past Milwaukee.

Chicago, which had a major-league worst three road wins entering the game, won their first road series of the season after taking two of three from last-place Milwaukee.

The Brewers made things interesting in the ninth after Carlos Gomez hit a solo homer off David Robertson. Adam Lind then walked to put the tying run at the plate with one out.



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CNMI v-ball teams busy with fundraising events

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The CNMI Under-19 boys' and girls' All-Star volleyball teams are busy doing various fundraising activities to raise

money that will shoulder their airfare and accommodation in three off-island competitions.

The boys team will be seeing action in a Guam tournament from May 28 to June 1, while a separate girls competition will be held in October. Both teams will travel to Yap in another event from July 18 to 31.

Both teams held a carwash fundraiser last Sunday at the Shell stations in Chalan Kanoa and Puerto Rico where they collected \$1,304.71. The boys team had sold 98 \$5 tickets and raised \$526 with some people donating money.

Coach Darcy Wylie, in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*, said their fundraising goal for



Some members of the CNMI Under-19 boys' All-Star team join coach Darcy Wylie, standing third left, and Mili Saiki, standing second right, for a group photo after their carwash fundraising event last Sunday at Shell Chalan Kanoa.

the boys' team's Guam trip later this month is \$5,700. "This will cover airfare, lodg-

ing, food, transportation, and uniforms."

Wylie added that the boys team is still \$4,000 short, while the girls squad are saving what they have collected that's why they had lined up other fundraising activities.

"The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association is a non-profit organization that's why we're still looking for

sponsorships and we'll be doing a lot of fundraising events as much as we can," Wylie said in a separate interview.

NMIVA held a 4-on-4 beach volleyball tournament last April, while a co-ed indoor volleyball league is ongoing at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Both teams are also planning to hold an end of school year dance in June.

"We're looking to hold that event. We're still thinking of other ways to raise money just to pay for their trip," added Wylie, who is NMIVA's youth development head for indoor programs.

"The current fundraiser that we're promoting is called 'Athletes 4 Hire' where the athletes are available to do jobs like baby sitting, house work or

cleaning, yard work, and tutoring. All money collected will go directly to their fundraising account," said Wylie, who is joined by fellow coaches Codie Sayle and TJSHS' Jonathan San Nicolas.

For more information or if you wish to hire one of their student athletes, email Wylie at indoor.programs@nmivolleyball.org or call her at 989-8114.

Grace Christian Academy's Jonathan Libut and William Hinson; Won Woo Choi, Jae Hyun Lee, and Toshio Takayama of Marianas Baptist Academy; Marianas High School's Riczi Cano and Karlo De Leon; Quinn Amog and Seokjun Yun of Mt. Carmel School; Saipan International School's William Fong and Andrew Johnson; Frederick Encabo and James Kintaro of Saipan Southern High School; and Tinian Junior Senior High School's Elvin Borja, Dachelbai Cruz, and Steven Mahilum are the members of the boys' team.

Eleven of the 18 players from the girls squad are from MHS led by Knollynn Gehrig, Janlane Imperial, Marcy Ann Ermitanio, Nemy Pamintuan, Jenny Lee, Russell Javan, Beryl Kohnen, Sabrina Pangelinan, Emily Jones, Negahr Rastguiy, and Zarinae Sapong.

SIS' Jennifer Tan, Adele Hudkins, and Julia Ishikawa, SSSHS' Narleen Siech and Serafina Rogoyawa, GCA's Danica Canedo, and Mt. Carmel's Claire Calage are the other members of the girls' team.

CNMI Masters baseball team looking for sponsors



Tony Rogolifoi is seeking the help of the community to assist them with their ongoing fundraising activity for their trip to Guam later this month.

Rogolifoi is trying to form a competitive team that will be seeing action in this year's edition of the Guam Masters Baseball Tournament set from May 29 to June 5 at the Dededo Complex.

The Saipan Baseball League coordinator said they had already sent some solicitation letters to several people and businesses, while the players are also doing their share to raise funds.

"Any amount given will be very much appreciated. We need sponsors for our uniforms and the money collected will be used to cover the airfare and accommodation while we're in

Guam," added Rogolifoi.

The Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director said the CNMI's 15-man roster is almost complete as he already had 13 players. "Some of them are already based in Guam because they work there."

Rogolifoi will be holding another meeting on May 19, Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

For more information, call Rogolifoi at 234 6672.

The Guam Masters is open to all players 40 years old and above. Five teams, led by defending champion Guahan, have already confirmed their participation in the upcoming nine-day tournament.

Adahi, Net Tour, Padres, and an Australian team are the other competing squads. (Jon Perez)

MP

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former collected 16 goals in nine games, while the latter tallied only three. Tan Holdings, which forced a draw against MP United in the first round and won their second round match, had the most goals this season with 50 and gave up 7. MP United allowed the least goals (5), while earning 26.

NMIFA 3v3 tourney postponed

Meanwhile, the 2015 NMIFA 3v3 Grassroots Football Day Tournament slated this Saturday has been postponed due to tropical storm Dolphin, according to NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta.

Zapanta added they will announce later the rescheduled date for the event, which was supposed to be held at the Oleai pitch in celebration of the AFC Grassroots Football Day.

AS of last Monday, 16 teams have registered for the one-day tournament that will feature squads from U8, U18, and U12 age groups. The U8 division has three teams in Kanoa FC, Paire FC, and Tinian Premier FC. In the U10 division, Tinian has confirmed to send two squads to battle the representatives of Paire FC, Shirley's FC, and Kanoa FC. Kanoa is also fielding one team in U12 Division B and two in Division A, while Paire and Tinian have one each in the two groups, and Shirley's is sending one in Division B.

Silver Streak set on June 13



The 22nd Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run will be held on Saturday, June 13, starting with a 5am show time.

Dubbed the Silver Streak, the fun will have two distance: 7K (4.2miles) from T Gal-

leria to Quarter Master/Tank and back and a 3K (1.8 miles) from T Galleria to 13th Fishermen Monument and back.

The Silver Streak will have seven categories, namely Under 12, Under 19, 20-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, and 61 up.

Registration forms are available at T Galleria from

10:30am to 10:30pm at T Galleria's Foreign Currency Exchange Center. Registration fee is \$10 with great raffle prizes giveaway and a commemorative T-shirt for the first 100 finishers.

More information, call Ben Babauta 236-2563 or 483-2563. (PR)

KNIGHTS

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gave Mt. Carmel a good start, as they combined for 12 points and powered the Lady Knights to a promising 22-5 lead at the end of the first period. The Lady Geckos faced an early double-digit deficit after making only two field goals in the opening eight minutes of play off Kye Tamm's triple and Jenny Kim's point-blanked shot.

In the second quarter, SIS was again held to two baskets, but fortunately the Lady Knights slowed down on offense after also drilling two field goals, leaving the former with a manageable 9-26 halftime deficit.

However, the Lady Geckos failed to overhaul Mt. Carmel's lead in the second half as the hosts misfired in the fourth, muffing all their attempts in the payoff canto. Before its fourth-quarter silence, SIS outgunned the Lady Knights in the third frame, 12-8.

With SIS firing blanks, only

four of its players made it to the board with Adele Hudkins leading the way with her 11 markers. Tamm finished with 6, while Jenny Kim and Natalie Hardt chipped in 2 apiece. Seven other Mt. Carmel players hit the board with Manibusan the second one to nail double figures with her 10.

Manibusan and majority of the members of the champion team will be back for next season, making coach Francis San Nicolas excited as they try to extend their reign in the league.

"We still have a strong team for next season as only one player (Masami Sato) is leaving us. This team has a lot of potential and we will work hard during the offseason to get ready for the next competition," said San Nicolas, who is also expected to field the same squad in the more competitive MISO caging.

Meanwhile, the Lady Knights' title win over SIS gave Mt. Carmel a sweep in the high school caging. Last week, the Knights dethroned Eucon International School following a 55-46 victory

in their championship duel.

"This has been a good year for Mount Carmel School sports with our co-ed junior high volleyball team winning the 2014-2015 COPSSA championship, our Lady Knights winning the 2014-2015 COPSSA volleyball championship, and now our boys and girls varsity basketball teams winning the 2014-2015 COPSSA basketball championship as well. Plus, our boys did very well in the MISO league this year," MCS president Galvin DeLeon Guerrero said.

"I am very happy and proud of all our Knight athletes. This is just the beginning as this is a building year for MCS. We can expect even better things next year," he added.

MCS 45 — Travilla 11, Manibusan 10, Flores 6, Sato 4, Taimanao 4, Villagomez 4, Hahn 4, Reyes 2.

SIS 21 — Hudkins 11, Tamm 6, J. Kim 2, Hardt 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-5, 26-9, 34-21, 45-21.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	14	.600	—
Tampa Bay	19	16	.543	2
Toronto	17	18	.486	4
Boston	16	18	.471	4½
Baltimore	15	17	.469	4½

Central Division

Kansas City	21	13	.618	—
Detroit	20	14	.588	1
Minnesota	19	15	.559	2
Chicago	14	17	.452	5½
Cleveland	12	20	.375	8

West Division

Houston	21	13	.618	—
Los Angeles	17	17	.500	4
Seattle	15	18	.455	5½
Texas	15	19	.441	6
Oakland	13	23	.361	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	20	14	.588	—
Washington	19	16	.543	1½
Miami	16	19	.457	4½
Atlanta	15	19	.441	5
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	8½

Central Division

St. Louis	23	10	.697	—
Chicago	18	15	.545	5
Cincinnati	17	17	.500	6½
Pittsburgh	17	17	.500	6½
Milwaukee	12	23	.343	12

West Division

Los Angeles	22	11	.667	—
San Diego	18	17	.514	5
San Francisco	17	17	.500	5½
Arizona	15	18	.455	7
Colorado	11	19	.367	9½

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AsPac committee to have Plan B

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The 2015 Asia-Pacific-Middle

East Junior, Senior and Big League regional tournament organizing committee would implement a back-up plan in case

of rained out games and other unavoidable incidents.

Assistant tournament coordinator Tony Rogolifoi said they

would make inquiries of using alternate fields if ever the need of holding simultaneous games arises due to rained out matches.

Rogolifoi made the statement following an inquiry made by AsPac committee member Bob Coldeen in last Tuesday's meeting at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

"We will try to identify other fields like the one at Kan Pacific if ever we're going to need to hold two games at one time. We're also looking at the Dandan, Capital Hill, and the 'Tan Ge' fields for practice," said Rogolifoi.

"They are small in size but these fields can be used for infield practice. We're still trying to identify other fields that can be used either as a practice facility or to hold a game during the regionals," he added.

The former Saipan Little League president said they would also renovate the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field at least three weeks before the opening of the regional tournament.

"We will make improvements on the field. We're going to put in new dirt on the infield, paint the dugouts and bleachers, and clean everything. We'll be making improvements," said Rogolifoi.

The Junior, Senior, and Big League regional tournament is slated from June 26 to July 6 with the winners advancing to the World Series of each division in various states in the mainland.

AsPac committee secretary Lynn B. Duenas said that Australia, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, and the Philippines are some of the teams that are scheduled to arrive early before the opening.

"Australia and the Philippines are set to arrive on June 24, while Chinese-Taipei and Hong Kong is scheduled on June 25. We can accommodate them since we already made the \$25,000 deposit to Mango Resort," said Duenas.

The AsPac committee has reserved 85 rooms at Mango Resort that will house the 21 teams from 11 countries that will be competing for the three World Series spots in each of their division.

Tournament host CNMI, Guam, and the Philippines will be competing in all three divisions. Hong Kong and Indonesia only entered in the Junior and Senior leagues, while Chinese-Taipei will be sending teams to the Junior and Big leagues.

Australia and Vietnam will field Junior league teams, and New Zealand and Saudi Arabia are joining the Senior division.

India already has a Big League team but the Indian Little League said in an email that they plan to also compete in all three divisions.



JON PEREZ
Bank of Saipan Red Sox pitcher Nathan Camacho could be one of the candidates for the CNMI Senior League All-Star team after striking out 57 last season.

Teack is SGA April Ace



Jung Eun Teack won the Saipan Golfers Association's April Ace of the Month

held last May 3 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort Club.

The current SGA president limped back to the clubhouse with a 43 in the front but had a better showing at the back with a 39 for an 82 gross. His 12 handicap gave him a 70 net for a one-shot victory over Joe I. Sablan.

Sablan, a 21 handicapper, had rounds of 45 and 47 for a 92 and a 71 net for second place, while Manny Alvarez came in third after a 40 at the front and back for an 80 and 73 net after his seven handicap.

SGA vice president Greg

Sablan Jr. had the longest drive at holes No. 6 and 18, while Ray San Nicolas was the closest to the pin at holes 3 and 7 with Larry I. Deleon Guerrero and Jess Castro duplicating his feat at Nos. 12 and 14, respectively.

Nine other SGA members joined the one-day event.

Teack now joins January Ace Attorney General Edward Manibusan, February winner John "Nani" Cruz, and March monthly champion Deleon Guerrero for the season-ending Ace of Aces tournament.

The SGA will hold its May Ace of the Month on Sunday, May 17, at the Marianas Country Club. Show time is at 9am, while tee-off begins an hour later. *(Jon Perez)*

Armatech clinches semis berth

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Armatech bagged the second outright semis slot in the Masters division of the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League after crushing the Old'Aces, 80-58, last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Armatech-Old'Aces tiff was the last regular season game in the six-squad league and the former finished the round-robin contest with a 3-2 record, tying LBT Appraisal and Auto Motion for second place in the team standings. Armatech went to win the tiebreak to make an automatic entry to the semifinals and join Blue Haus, which got the first Final Four berth after wrapping up the regular season with a perfect 5-0 slate.

LBT Appraisal dropped to third and will face cellar dweller Graphics/Star 6 (0-5) for one of the two remaining semis tickets. Auto Motion will collide with the Old'Aces (1-4) in the other playoff pairing.

James Abuy led Armatech's semis-clinching win over the Old'Aces, as he drilled a game-high 24 points and delivered the killer blows in the fourth quarter. The Armatech shooter knocked in five triples in the fourth canto, three of them came in consecutive fashion to put the game out of the Old'Aces' reach.

The Old'Aces, which played without key players Peter Camacho and Elias Rangamar, kept up with Armatech in the first half despite its depleted

lineup. Junior Renguul nailed 6 of the Old'Aces last 8 points in the first period to move his team within 2, 15-17.

In the second canto, Armatech managed to get more breathing room with Martin Moreno coming off the bench and also scoring 6 of his squad's last 8 markers to lift his team to a 33-26 halftime edge. The lead was stretched to 15 after the third period, 54-39, as Armatech spread the wealth with six of its players lighting up the board.

Armatech kept going in the fourth canto, but this time it was a one-man show with Abuy making up for his so-so performance in the first three periods and peppering the Old'Aces with his shots from downtown. Abuy was scoreless in the first frame, had only 2 points in the second, and tallied 4 in the third before having a breakout game in the final quarter.

Meanwhile, the U20 division started its playoff round yesterday with Armatech getting a free pass to the semifinals following a victory via default against Gilas.

Armatech joins the unbeaten Sonics (4-0) in the semifinals, while Gilas is in the brink of elimination. Gilas will need to prevail against the loser of the Blue Haus-Old'Aces playoff match to march into the Final Four.

Armatech 80 – Abuy 24, Montano 14, Moreno 6, Poquiz

6, Park 5, Tolentino 5, Malasarte 4, Tobias 4, Gatdula 4, Gabaldon 3, Bartolo 2, **Old'Aces 58** – Diaz 15, Stole

13, Renguul 12, Fitial 7, Rogolifoi 6, Ayuyu 6.

Scoring by quarters: 17-15, 33-26, 54-39, 80-58.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Armaterch's Bernard Montano, center, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as he is tightly guarded by Auto Motion's Jake Villanueva, left, and Mico Usi is closing in for help defense during their Masters division game at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Armaterch beat Auto Motion and LBT in the tiebreak for second place and the last automatic semis berth.

M-LEAGUE FIXTURES

FINAL STANDING

MEN'S DIVISION 1

Pos	Team	MP	W	D	L	Pts	GF	GA	GD
1	Tan Holdings	10	9	0	1	27	29	11	18
2	Wild Bill's	10	8	0	2	24	40	22	18
3	MP United	10	4	2	4	14	23	19	4
4	Inter Godfather's	10	3	2	5	11	23	27	-4
5	Paire	10	3	1	6	10	10	19	-9
6	KFAS	10	0	1	9	1	6	39	-33

MEN'S DIVISION 2

1	Matansa	12	8	2	2	26	37	16	21
2	Sun Palace	12	7	3	2	24	24	19	5
3	World Resort	12	5	4	3	19	28	19	9
4	Kanoa	12	6	1	5	19	29	29	0
5	Thundercats	12	4	3	5	15	25	19	6
6	Shirley's	12	4	3	5	15	24	25	-1
7	WNT	12	0	0	12	0	17	57	-40



WOMEN'S DIVISION

1	Shirley's	12	11	0	1	33	45	5	40
2	Tan Holdings	12	8	3	1	27	35	14	21
3	MP United	12	7	1	4	22	27	23	4
4	Kanoa	12	4	3	5	15	28	30	-2
5	IFC	12	3	0	9	9	12	35	-23
6	Matansa	12	2	3	7	8	16	31	-15
7	Paire	12	2	1	9	7	12	37	-25



Horford's late follow gives Hawks 82-81 win over Wizards

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3-peat for Lady Knights



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Mt. Carmel School reasserted its might against Saipan International School, cruising to a 45-21 win in their title game in the girls high school division of the 2014-2015 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League yesterday at SIS court in As Lito.



The finals win was the Lady Knights' third straight and second consecutive against the Lady Geckos. Mt. Carmel also crushed SIS in last year's finale, 57-7, to defend the championship it won against Grace Christian Academy in the 2013 season, 48-27.

As expected, 3-point shooter Jan Travilla led the Lady

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Mt. Carmel School players and coach Francis San Nicolas, standing right, pose for a group photo after beating Saipan International School, 45-21, in their title game in the COPSSA caging yesterday at the SIS court in As Lito.

Knights' successful 3-peat bid, scoring 11 points in the one-game finals. She and fellow sophomore Tawnie Manibusan

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MP United forces rubber vs Tan Holdings

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MP United Football Club shut down Paire FC, 2-0, in the finals boys U18 division game in the

2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MP United finished the three round-robin contest with a 7-1-1 win-draw-loss record to tie Tan Holdings FC for first place. The co-leaders will play in a rubber match later this month to decide the division champion of the spring season.

Jehn Joyner and Kyle Chung scored in MP United's seventh victory. Joyner

put the defending champion on the board with his shot in the 21st minute, while Chung added one more goal two minutes before the first half ended.

In the second half, Paire never made headway, failing to play a spoiler role in MP United's bid to stay in the hunt for the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association division championship. Paire also missed

barging into the win column as it dropped its ninth straight game to finish last in the four-team field. Matansa FC completed the boys U18 field and registered a 3-0-6 record in the spring season.

All of Matansa's victory were against Paire and the

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Tan Holdings FC's Louie Calayag, and MP United's Kyle Chung go for a header during their third meeting in the 2015 NMIFA Fall Youth Spring League at the Oleai Sports Complex. The two squads will face each other for the fourth time to decide the winner of the boys U18 division crown.

Leina 6-over after 1st round



CSU-PUEBLO
Leina Kim tees off on hole No. 13 during a practice round in the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship at the Meadows Golf Course in Allendale, Michigan.

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Saipan-born Leina Kim had a rollercoaster first round at the start of the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship hosted by the Grand Valley State University Lakers at the Meadows Golf Course in Allendale, Michigan.

The Colorado State University-Pueblo junior shot a 6-over 78 to join Kasey Petty of Findlay and Lewis' Rachel Sweeney at 20th spot, according to Day 1 results posted on golfstatresults.com.

Kim, along with Petty and Sweeney, are six shots behind current leader Madison Lellyo of Rollins College' 2-under 70 while Limestone College's Brittany LaPadula is at second at 1-under 71.

The former CNMI Junior

golfer opened at 1-over but managed to even par after five holes highlighted by rolling a birdie at No. 2. She then parred the next three holes to remain even-par.

She then went 1-under after birdying the par-4 309-yard No. 6 but bogeyed holes No. 7 and 8 to go 1-over again.

Kim parred No. 9 to go 1-over 38 for 13th place after nine holes but she opened the back with consecutive bogeys to go 3-over that dropped her to joint 33rd spot.

Kim went back up 10 places after even-pars at No. 12 and 13, 16, and 17 that sandwiched bogeys at 14 and 15. She bogeyed No. 18 good for 20th spot with still three rounds left.

The Meadows proved to be

challenging for Kim, who is CSU-Pueblo's lone representative in the Nationals, as she finished with four pars and five bogeys.

The Nationals will end on Saturday (Sunday in the CNMI) with Kim aiming to improve or match her 28th place finish when she first qualified as a freshman two years ago.

Last week, Kim needed a birdie putt in the playoff hole to secure the third and final berth in the Division II Nationals after being forced by Dallas Baptist's Sydney Williams

Kim and Williams finished the three-day regional tournament at Foxtail Golf Club at Rohnert Park in California at 5-over 221.

